a visit to Chi

AMMAN (R) - Switzerland has offered to help produce Palestinian color, stamps and passports, the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) envoy to the United Nations in Geneva said Monday. During an official visit to Switzerland in January, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat asked President Otto Stich for help in minting a future palestinian currency. Nabil Ramlawi told Reuters. "Swiss officials informed us of the readiness of Switzerland to provide expertise and sechnical help in the fields of currency minting, stamps, Palestinian passports and identity cards as help in the phase of setting up a Palestinian state," Mr. Ramlawi said. The PLO also sought Swiss aid in setting up a future Palestinian monetary authority and training experts, PLO officials in Ammangaid. Israel and the PLO have been discussing economic ties during a five-year period of Palestinian self-rule before a final settlement is reached. Switzerland has pledged 60 million Swiss francs (\$41 million) of aid during five years of Palestinian self-rule, Mr. Ramlawi said



Egyptian extremists renew threat

CAIRO (AP) - Extremists on Monday renewed their threat against foreigners and claimed responsibility for the shooting death of a high-ranking police officer in southern Egypt. The Al Gamaa Al Islamiya said it killed Brigadier Omar Mustafa in Assiut on Sunday to avenge a police raid Feb. 1 on the outskirts of Cairo in which seven suspected radicals were killed. The group again urged tourists and foreign investors to leave, saying this was their "last ultimatum."

Unlike the earlier threat, the new warning made clear it was not only talking about visitors from the West but "Arabs or any other nationality." The statements came in faxes to a Western news agency in Cairo. There was no way to authenticate them. No attack on foreigners has been reported since the threat Feb. 2 urged tourists and foreign investors to leave or risk getting caught in rising violence. While the warnings to foreigners were similar in those issued by Algerian radicals, the violence in Egypt has been far less intense. At least 27 foreigners have been killed in direct attacks in Algeria.

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CAIRO (AP) — Egypt has deported a Libyan citizen in connection with the disappearance of a foe of the Libyan regime almost two months ago. NCHO, NM(R. & Libyan dissident said Monday. Mansour Kikhia, 62, a former Lihyan foreign minister, vanished from his hotel Dec. 10 during a visit to Cairo. Libyan opposition figures and human rights advocates believes he was kidnapped by Libyan agents. Mohammad Gibril, spokesman for the National Front for the Salvation of Libya, said Yusef Saleh Negm was deported last week because of the Kikhia case. He also quoted contacts in Tripoli as saying Mr. Kikhia was being held in the eastern Libyan region of Sirte.

with his twe be Germany to ban Algerian activist

BONN (AFP) - The head of

the exiled leadership of Alger-e's Islamic Salvation Front Islamic Salvation Front FIS), Rabah Kebir, is to beed from all political activby in Germany, the German foreign ministry announced Monday. The ban was being sought by the interior ministry of the regional state of North hine-Westphalia, where Mr. Kebir, who has requested political asylum is resident, the ministry statement said. "Kebir has made public statements in Germany upon poli-tical questions in Algeria in a ner which is contrary to the interests of the German in their una gers its interests," the foreign ministry statement said (see re-Federal Republic and endanlated on story page 2).

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West inches towards air strikes on Serbs

Combined agency dispatches

BRUSSELS — European Union (EU) foreign ministers Monday called for the lifting of the Serb siege of Sarajevo hy all the means necessary, meluding the use of airpower."

A joint statement issued by the 12 ministers said it would be up to the North Atlantie Council in concert with the U.N. secretary general to bring

The EU, which expressed its "revulsion" at the shelling of dvilians in the Bosnian capital. also said it supported efforts to place the town under U.N. protection.

"The aim should be to bring about the immediate lifting of the siege of Sarajevo, using all the means necessary including the use of air power," said the statement.

"The measures taken would be the first step in the implementation of the action plan of the European Union.

"The Council of the Enropean Union reiterates its support for the efforts of the cochairmen (Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg) to place the administration of Sarajevo under the authority of the United Nations."

In Brussels, a source close to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) said NATO ambassadors will consider the situation in Sarajevo at their regular weekly meeting Wednesday, rather than call a special session.

In Washington, President Bill Clinton's national security advisers met Monday to con-

CAIRO (Agencies) — Palesti-nian leader Yasser Arafat and

Israeli Foreign Minister Shi-

mon Peres arrived here Mon-

day for talks aimed at clinching

a final deal to launch Palesti-

meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak at the

presidential palace in the

northern Cairo district of

He flew in from Tunis with

Yasser Abed Rahbo, a mem-

ber of the Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO) Executive

Committee, and Ahmad

Qourica, director of the PLO's

Mr. Peres arrived in the

Egyptian capital later Monday.

but an Israeli foreign ministry

spokesman said a meeting with

Mr. Arafat had not yet been

economie department.

Heliopolis.

Mr. Arafat first headed for a

response to the weekend shelling that killed 68 people in

Sarajevo. Secretary of State Warren Christopher also made a series of telephone calls to five foreign ministers, including those of France, Britain and Canada, three countries with large peacekeeping contingents in the Balkans.

Mr. Christopher talked with Douglas Hurd of Britian, Alain Juppe of France and Andre Quelette of Canada. U.S. national security advis-

ers meanwhile met while Mr. Clinton was in Houston, Mr. Clinton has repeatedly warned that no actions would

be ruled out, including air strikes, against Serh military positions if Bosnian Serbs continued to blockade Sarajevo and to shell the city. Bosnian Serhs have agreed to negotiate a peace deal for Sarajevo separate from an

overall settlement for Bosnia's 22-month-old civil war, peace envoy Lord Owen said against the backdrop of international outrage and calls for airstrikes against Bosnian Serbs besieging the capital. The besieging Serb forces are being widely hlamed internationally for the attack but

In Moscow, Russian govern-

Arafat and Peres seek to

clinch deal in Cairo talks

"We still do not have a

Prime Minister Yitzhak

programmo, of meetings for Mr. Peres," be said.

Rabin, Mr. Peres and senior

army officials on Monday re-

viewed the details to be ham-

mered out in Cairo by the two

PLO officials in Cairo said

Mr. Peres and Mr. Arafat

would meet on Monday even-

ing, hut a source in Tunis said

the meeting could take place

Mr. Peres said as he left

Israel with his staff that he was

bringing firm positions and

"tremendous" goodwill to the

meeting.
"We haven't changed any of our positions. We are going with a tremendous amount of

goodwill and we are not going

to haggle," Peres told repor-

ters at Ben-Gurion airport.

on Tuesday.

delegations, officials said.

they deny they fired the mortar bomh. The United Nations said it was not certain who fired, but added it had no evidence to support Serb allegations the Muslims shelled themselves to provoke international military intervention.

tary leaders expressed strong reservations over proposals for air strikes on Serbian positions in Bosnia. One centrist leader, Nationalities Minister Sergei Shakhrai, said any escalation of the conflict could trigger a

Saturday's atrocity in Sarajevo prompted a number of moves to focus on ways to hring peace to the city as Bosnia's ethnie rivals remained deadlocked on the overall peace process.

After talks during the night with Bosnian Serh leader Radovan Karadzic in the border town of Zvornik, peace envoy Owen, a Briton, told reporters: "It was an agreement to negotiate a U.N. administration and demilitarisation of Sarajevo separate from an overall peace settlement. They (the Bosnian Serbs), like us, would prefer a comprehensive peace settlement. That appears at the moment to be blocked."

Muslim insistence that besieging Serbs pull back their heavy weapons from the mountains overlooking Sarajevo scuppered a U.N. attempt to broker a ceasefire

on Sunday. Lord Owen said on Monday the next round of Bosnia peace talks in Geneva set for Thursday would discuss "confidencebuilding measures - hotlines, the exchange of personnel at headquarters — dealing with Sarajevo," he added: "Let's deal with one thing at a time and get Sarajevo settled."

Environmental Minister

Yossi Sarid, accompanying

Mr. Peres, said: "There will he

flexibility on both sides. Both

have to come with new ideas,

Mr. Peres and Mr. Arafat

beld talks in Davos, Switzer-

land, last week on the delay of

an Israeli troop withdrawal

from the Gaza Strip and West

The two planned to meet

again in Cairo on Sunday or

Monday but the PLO said on

Sunday the Cairo meeting was

off unless Mr. Peres was autho-

rised to reach a final accord on

security issues stalling the pull-

On Monday, the PLO amhassador in Cairo said Mr.

Arafat was coming to Cairo on

Monday evening to hold talks

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Bank town of Jericho.

otherwise there is no use."

Electronic occupation

An Israeli sapper follows an explosive-clearing robot, searching for a bomb near an Israeli army watchpost in Jabaiya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. Israeli-Palestinian confrontations left two Palestinians dead and six injured since Saturday. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres were in Cairo on Monday in a bid to work out a final deal to langeh Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho (see story below)



'Abu Nidal behind Maaytah murder'

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Jordanian diplomat Nayeh Maaytah was gunned down by followers of the Abn Nidal group, the most radical Palestinian faction, investigations by the Lehanese government have concluded, diplomatic sources said Monday.

Agency reports from Beirut, quoting security sources, said that the Lebanese police had arrested a Palestinian who confessed that he killed Mr. Maaytah 10 days ago. The report from Beirut said that the suspect belonged to a "Palestinian guerrilla faction," but did not name the group.

Diplomatic sources in Amman confirmed that there were two arrests made in connection with the case in Lebanon and that the suspects were members of the Abu Nidal group. Jordanian officials con-

tacted by the Jordan Times said the Kingdom had not received an official notification from the Lebanese government.

One source close to the case, however, said that Jordan had "received indications from the Lebanese government that implicated the Abu Nidal group." Reuters news agency, in a

report from Beirut, qnoted a judicial source as saying that two Palestinians were arrested on Saturday in connection with the case. The judicial source did not confirm that a suspect had

confessed, but said that "investigations had reached an advanced stage since the arrests," Renters said. Asked to confirm the report, another senior Jorda-

nian official, said he believed the report was "accurate." He refused to elaborate. A gunman shot dead Mr.

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Aden and Sanaa exchange charges over plane seizure

SANAA (R) - North and South Yemen were locked on Monday in a dispute over-who controls the unified state's airspace after an Aden-bound cargo plane was seized in the north in an incident described by the south as air piracy.

Diplomats said the incident underlined persistent tensions between formerly Marxist South Yemen and the conservative North Yemen that have threatened a 1990 merger between them, despite an agreement by the two to settle their differences by Thursday.

A British-owned Boeing 707 headed from London to Aden was seized on Sunday at an airport in the former North Yemen, Sanaa said it was carrying a large quantity of batteries for military equipment and communications sets and had entered the country illegally.

But Andy King, director of the British company Ana Aviation, said Sunday his company's plane was carrying torch batteries and other commercial supplies including pharmaceuticals and was the victim of "an act of air piracy."

An Aden airport official said on Sunday night the plane was "intercepted in Hodeida airspace and forced to land at

Hodeida airport although it was in an authorised normal

He described the interception as "an act of piracy," and said Aden airport has been responsible for aviation and flight movement in the Yemen flight zone," since the 1990 merger of the north and south.

The Civil Aviation Authority in Sanaa challenged his statement, saying it was the only centre responsible for issuing air cargo permission.

Mr. King and the Aden airport official said the plane was chartered by the southern airline Alyemda. Aviation authorities in Sanaa and Hodeida airports were informed in advance the plane was authorised to land at Aden airport and that it was carrying batteries and communications sets, the officials said.

Despite the prior notification, the command of the airforce and air defence in Sanaa forced the plane to land at Hodeida airport, stormed it, detained its crew and confiscated its shipment," the Aden airport official said. "Responsible authorities in

the Civil Aviation Authority

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Cabinet to endorse sales tax draft law

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The Council of Ministers is today expected to endorse a controversial draft law introducing sales tax and send it to Parliament after its final version was approved by the Economic Consultative Council (ECC), official sources said Monday. Finance Minister Sami

Gammoh, in a statement carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the committee, which bad been studying the viewpoints of the private sector on the tax, endorsed the draft law during a meeting Monday. Other officials said the

government wanted to send the draft to Partiament as soon as possible so that the tax could go into effect as of March 1, the extended deadline for the introduction of the levy as stipulated in Jordan's economic restructuring programme agreed with the International Monetary Fund

The draft is expected to be sent to the legislature as an emergency law that would take precedence in the lawmakers' debate because of the pressing need to introduce the tax.

Fierce opposition is expected from many deputies in Parliament who reject the IMF programme as a whole as well as those who have been lobbied by the husiness community.

However, there cannot be any escape from the tax since any further delay in introducing it could seriously hamper the Kingdom's efforts to res-

chedule its foreign debts. An IMF certification that Jordan is implementing an economic restructuring programme and is abiding hy the programme's provisions is essential before creditors agree to open rescheduling

Participating in the discussions that led the finalisation of the draft law were representatives of the various interest groups such as the chambers of industries and commerce as well as the banking sector.

Mr. Gammoh said the sales tax law was part of a comprehensive plan to revamp the taxation structure in Jordan and that the government would be introducing the plan later this year.

He described the draft as progressive, pointing out that existing legislation allowed up to 60 per cent levy while the new piece of legislation had brought it down to 20 per cent and streamlined the amhiguities in the previous

According to government sources, the Council of Ministers felt that the main problem that hampered the introduction of the law was adverse comments by economists and businessmen judging it before studying it

"No one actually studied it well and compared it with the

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ANZ Grindlays Bank

Chief executive ANZ Bank reaffirms commitment to Jordan

AMMAN - Don Mercer, the chief executive of Austraha and New Zealand Banking Group arrives in Amman today. Feb. 8, 1994, for a fourday visit to Jordan as part of a tour of the bank's operations in the Middle East. The group's commercial

banking presence in Jordan and the rest of the Middle East, operated through ANZ Grindlays Bank is well established and contributes strongly to the bank's financial performance. Mr. Mercer's visit demonstrates ANZ's commitment to the market. David Smith, regional

general manager. Middle East said: "ANZ Grindlays has an excellent knowledge of the local business market and has been established in Jordan for nearly 70 years through its 14 hraneh network. Mr. Mercer's meetings will give him the opportunity to learn more about the economic development of the country and our Middle East operations. He will also meet with senior government officials and members of the bank's staff.

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group is one of



Australia's leading hanks and features among the world's top 100 hanks. It has a strong international representation with over 2,100 points of representation in over 40 countries. Total assets exceed Australian dollars (AUD) 99 billion and operating profits for the year to Sept. 30, 1993. exceeded AUD 450 million.

Mr. Mercer's programme will include a reception to be hosted by ANZ Grindlays General Manager for Jordan Adnan Sallakh and Mrs. Sal-

4 Israeli soldiers killed, 3 wounded in S. Lebanon

MARJAYOUN (Agencies) — Guerrillas killed four Israeli soldiers and wounded three in an ambush Monday in Sonth Lebanon that drew retaliatory air and artillery strikes, security sources said.

A flareup in the south, the only active Arab-Israeli warfront, has been anticipated because the anniversaries of the assassinations of Shute Muslim' guerrilla leaders fall in Fehru-

Security sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Israeli fighter-bombers carried out three raids in 21/2 hours against guerrillas in the Iglim Al Tuffah region north of Israel's self-styled "security zone" shortly after the

ambush. There was no immediate word on casualties among the guerrillas. Nor was there comment from Israel on the

But the Israeli military command said in a statement that its jets attacked "Hizbollah targets" and scored "accurate hits."

In the first strike at 1:30 p.m. (1130 GMT), four jets fired at least 10 rockets into the Loweizeh hluffs, a stronghold of the Iranian-backed Hizbollah, the security sources and witnesses said.

They said the area was shrouded in dust and smoke from the first airstrike when a second wave of four jets attacked guerrilla positions in the Mlita hluffs. They returned later to bombard nearby Jahal

From the market town of Nabatiyeh, squeezed between Israeli-held territory and Iqlim Al Tuffah, reporters could see guerrillas firing anti-aircraft weapons against the Israeli jets. But no hits were observed.

A woman and her four ehildren were wounded when guerrillas rained Katyusha rockets on Marjayoun, headquarters for the Israeli army, and elsewhere in Israel's selfdeclared "security zone." The flare-up began when Hizbollah amhushed an Israeli army patrol with anti-tank rockets and automatic weapons on a road inside the zone, killing four soldiers, according to security sources.

The dead were the Israeli army's first fatalities of the year in Lehanon and its higgest loss since eight soldiers were killed by Hizbollah last Au-

A spokesman for the Islamic Resistance, Hizbollah's army wing, told AFP in Beirut that its guerrillas destroyed an Israeli Merkava tank, killing or wounding an unspecified number of Israeli soldiers.

over the area, apparently to pick up the casualties. The sources said three Israelis were killed instantly and four were wounded. One of the wounded died later.

Israeli helicopters later flew

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The Israeli fatalities were

Support for peace wanes as unrest mounts

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinians were jubilant at the prospect of better lives when the peace process was announced. Not quite five months later, they're again eager to attack Israeli targets and challenge Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat.

The bitter mood in the Israeli-occupied territories turned hlacker Sunday when hickering hetween Israeli politicians and top generals threatened further delays in achieving Palestinian auton-

"Peace is not a theory. it's something that ordinary peo-ple need to touch." said Raji Sourani, a lawyer who heads the Gaza Centre for Rights and

There have been some changes since the accord between Israel and the PLO was signed in Washington on Sept.

· Palestinians could openly raise their flag, an act that used to draw Israeli gunfire. Over 700 Palestinians have been released from Israeli jails and a few streets sealed with harrels to prevent stone-throwing have been opened.

But under the original plan, . the Israeli army was a start withdrawing from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank area around Jericho on Dec. 13 and finish withdrawing by April 13. Palestinians were to police the streets and civilian authorities were to assume responsibility for taxation, housing and utili-

There are no deadlines now. Instead, the process is in Israel hands. And Israeli officials have noticed a sharp shift in Palestinian attitudes.

"The Palestinian population woke up." an officer responsible for undercover operations told the weekly Al Hamishmar. He could not be identi-

fied due to army regulations. "They thought they would experience a new reality. They know this is not true. So they are resuming the intifada." he

The numbers tell why. Since the agreement was signed, 62 Palestinians have died in clashes with Israelis, including six children under the age of 16. In the same period 20 Israeli soldiers and civilians have been killed.

Thousands of Palestinians remain behind bars, some for acts like raising the flag that are no longer illegal. Arrests continue. Over 50,000 Arabs lost jobs in Israel as a security

Israeli officials have said that the number of Israeli troops in the occupied lands is at one of its highest levels ever. The Israeli human rights group Betselem has noted a marked rise

measure to try to minimise attacks, and more work per-

mits are being confiscated at

Israel subjects entire neigh-

bonrhoods to power cuts if

some residents don't pay bills.

Land confiscations have risen

sharply, and house demolitions

or disruptive searches con-

Israeli officials said such actions are necessary to fight the small cells of peace opponents

in the use of undercover opera-

still organisiog attacks.
"Alongside the preparations that an agreement will be signed... the pursuit of all perpetrators of terror will continue," Ehud Barak, the chiefof-staff, said after a PLO underground figure was killed by an undercover squad last

Gaza called a three-day strike to protest the killing. Support for the peace process is especially weak among Gaza's 800,000 residents, who are crowded into shantytowns.

Gazans expected Israel to



WAY OF LIFE: Palestinian boys throw stones at Israeli soldiers guarding a watch post in the Strip (AFP photo)

act differently and the PLO to exert pressure to stop the worst effects of the occupation. Neither happened.

"They are sick and tired of occupation, and that is what I call explosive material." said Mr. Sourani.

A lonk in figures at what's behind Palestinian discontent since the PLO-Israel peace treaty was signed Sept. 13. 1993 (the first figure comes from Palestinian sources, the second from Israeli sources) N.A. means not available:

Total Palestinians killed: 62:

Palestinians killed in Gaza:

Palestinian children (under 16) killed: 6; n.a. Palestinians injured: 616;

Houses demolished in occupied lands: 63; 2 Land confiscated from Palestinians: 13,346 acres (or 5,400 hectares); n.a. Palestinians in iail: 14,000;

Israelis killed: 20: 20 Israeli soldiers injured: n.a.;

Israeli civilians injured: n.a.;

Palestinian figures: The Gaza Centre for Rights and Law, the Palestinian Human Rights Information Ceotre. and Betselem, the Israeli human rights organisation.

Israeli figures: The Israeli military spokesman's office, the Israeli prison authority. Prisoner figures include 4.091 Palestinians held by army and 3,500 held hy prison authority.

of the Sunni Muslim minority

in the northern city of Mas-

hhad. Reports about the de-

molition of the mosque were

elected to a second four-year

term last August, has been

among the country's top lead-

ers since the revolution. He

has reportedly survived several

Iran's supreme leader

Ayatollab Ali Khamanei said

on Sunday the "ahorted attempt on the life of the presi-

dent" was a plot of "Satanic

powers" to eliminate Iranian

speaking at the shrine of

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini,

the founder of the Islamic Re-

public. Mr. Rafsanjani was

addressing tens of thousands of

followers on Tuesday at the

start of 10 days of celebration

marking the 15th anniversary

of the Iranian revolution when

five pistol shots were heard.

scribed the shots as faint and

Witnesses at the time de-

Ayatollah Khamanei was

assassination attempts.

spiritual leaders.

Mr. Rafsanjani, who was

denied by local papers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nearly 100 Iraqi refugees cross into Iran

TEHRAN (AFP) - Ninety-five Sbitte Muslim refugees bave entered Iran from Iraq in the past three days through the southwestern Hoveyzeb border crossing, an Iranian Red' Crescent official said Monday. The official, quoted by the Iranian news agency IRNA, said an average of two or three families from Iraq's southern marshlands were entering Iran's each day. The Red Crescent had set up 388 tents in Hoveyzeh and provided relief aid for 413 Iraqi families who had already arrived there, the official added.

Woman saved from stoning in UAE

ABU DHABI (AFP) - An appeals court in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) saved a foreign woman from being stoned to death when it overturned her conviction for adultery, the local daily Gulf News reported on Monday. The 26-year-old woman, whose nationality was not given, admitted at the appeals court that she had had an "illicit" relationship with a man other than her husband but denied having had sexual intercourse with him. The woman was found to be pregnant but under Islamic law no tests were required to identify the father of the child, ber denial of adultery being enough to satisfy the court. The conviction and corresponding death sentence were repealed because she had pleaded oot guilty to the adultery charge in line with Islamic Law, the paper said. The court instead sentenced her to nine months in prison and to receive 100 lasbes of the whip 45 days after she delivers ber bahy. It also ordered her to be deported at the eod of the jail

9 arrested over killing of 17 in Iran

TEHRAN (AFP) — Iranian security forces have arrested nine members of a drug-trafficking gang who killed 17 people in armed attacks in southeastern Iran, the official Iranian news agency IRNA reported Monday. The arrest took place the. weekend after the authorities sent police reinforcements to Sistan-Baluchestan province to track down the gunmen. The gang shot dead two people in an attack on a hus Saturday in the Nosratahad region, some 100 kilometres east of the provincial capital Zahedan. The suspects, all members of a powerful Baluchi tribe known as the Nahtanis, admitted. killing 15 other bus passengers in highway attacks around Zahedan, IRNA said.

Iran. Pakistan to hold naval exercises

TEHERAN (AFP) - Iran and Pakistan are to hold joint naval exercises in the Gulf of Oman and the Indian Ocean spon, Iranian Navy Commander Rear Admiral Ali Sbamkhani said Monday. Adm. Shamkhani. quoted hy Tehran Radio. said the exercises would last four days, but did oot give a specific date for them. He is currently visiting Pakistan. The exercises will be Iran's first to he held jointly with a foreign country since the 1979 Islamic revolution which toppled the Shah. The Iranian army has a tradition of cooperation with Pakistan's armed forces.

Kuwait cabinet backs voter increase plan

KUWAIT (R) - Kowait's calinet has approved a legal amendment that would grant the vote and the right to run as parliamentary candidates to more of its male citizens, the official Kuwait News Agency reported. Political analysts bave said the change, which has still to be debated by parliament, could expand by a third the men-only electorate in the next general elections due in 1996. The agency said late on Sunday the cabinet bad agreed to add to a 1959 emiri decree a clause granting male children of naturalised Kuwaitis so-called first class citizenship provided they were born after their fathers were naturalised. The change, the first major electoral reform in 30 years, was given preliminary approval by the cabinet last

French hostages said in good health

PARIS (R) — Two French woman and a Frenchman abducted by Yemeni tribesmen two weeks ago are in good bealth, a French foreign ministry spoekswoman said on Monday. She told reporters a doctor from the French embassy in Sannaa visited them last week. "They are in good health," she said. The three were kidnapped on Jan 23 by tribesmen in the Hajjah area northwest of the capital Sanaa to protest against the rerouting of a main road originally planned to cross their land. The spokeswoman said France's ambassador in Sanaa would not discuss the abductors' demands and had requested in contacts with Yemeni President Ali Abdwlah Saleh and government ministers that the three be immediately and unconditionally freed. Tribal sources said earlier this month government envoys promised the abductors to redress their grievances hut failed to persuade them to release the hostages.

Two tankers collide in Turkish waters

ISTANBUL (R) — Two small oil product tankers collided in the Turkish sea of Marmara Monday. causing a minor oil spill, hut no injuries, a port official said. The Turkish 490 gross tonne Nerve-729 and the St. Vincent-flagged 1,984 gross tonne Star 5 collided off the village of Aksas, near the mouth of the Dardanelles, the port authority of Karahiga town said. Both ships were heavily damaged, he said. The Star 5 was laden with gas and oil and was sailing from Israel to the Turkish port of Izmit while the Mervc-729 was going to the Aegean Port of Aliaga from Izmit at the time of the collision.. It was carrying no load. The official said about 424 tonnes of oil from the Star 5 spilled into the sea, polluting shoreline beaches.

Hilton closes in Algeria; group claims 70 rivals killed

ALGIERS (AP) — The Hilton Hotel closed Sunday for an indefinite period, the latest victim of a violent campaign against foreigners by Islamic fighters.

The group that threatened expatriates claimed it killed 70 members of a rival armed movement

The Hilton, which opened in Aogust, closed its doors at noon, six days after a French cameraman was shot to death in the Casbah and his Australian colleague seriously wound-

Twenty-seven foreigners have been killed since late September, most of them after a Nov. 30 deadline for foreigners to leave set by the Armed Islamic Group, the most radical of the fighting movements trying to topple the

military-backed government. A statement signed by the Armed Islamic Group, received Sunday by the French

(AP) - The elegantly framed

photograph on Sayed Yehia's

wall showed him shaking hands

with Egypt's top law enforce-

meot official. The happy scene

may bave cost the 47-year-old

The picture of Mr. Yehia

was splashed across newspaper

front pages after he captured a

suspect in the attempted mur-

der of Prime Minister Atef

Sedki. On Friday, Mr. Yehia

was shot to death before be

could testify at the man's trial.

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Sayed Yehia was to testify

JORDAN TELEVISION

The slaying raised questions

automobile dealer bis life.

news agency Agence France-Presse, said it killed 70 members of the Armed Islamic Movement, considered an umbrella group for numerous fighting cells.

The statement, dated Feh. 5, could not be authenticated. It gave no date for the "executions," which followed a "verdict of the sharia." It was faxed to the news agency and signed from "the state of the Islamic caliphate in Algeria."

There was no mention in official statements from Algerian authorities to signal the killings. Security forces said Sunday that they bad killed 13 rebels from Tnesday to Thursday in scattered parts of the

The Armed Islamic Group claimed responsibility for the kidnapping of three French consular employees in October and some other killings.

Thousands of foreigners have fled since the Nov. 30

Saturday in the trial of Salah Sulciman and 14 other sus-

pected militants for the

November car bombing aimed

at Dr. Sedki. Instead he was

huried in this village 40

On Friday night, three sus-

pected militants sprayed Mr.

Yehia's auto showroom with

automatic rifle fire, killing him

along with a customer, an em-

ployee and a private guard. A

policeman friend visiting Mr.

Saturday, friends and family

complained the government failed to protect him. The In-

terior Ministry did not issue

Mr. Yehia a promised sub-

machine gun until almost two

weeks after the arrest and

guards sent to protect him dis-

appeared after 24 hours, family

Magda, Mr. Yehia's sister,

picked up the slain man's one-

year-old son and wailed: "This

is his baby. The government

could not protect the father.

members said.

After Mr. Yehia's funeral

Yehia was shot in the leg.

kilometres oorth of Cairo.

Killing of witness raises fear among Egyptians

deadline. Western embassies bave reduced their staff and taken special precautions. The Danish embassy said last week it was transferring its functions

The Armed Islamic Group statement, were it authentic, would signal that divisions within the armed movement are at the point of no return. It would render even more difficult efforts by Algerian authorities to end two years of violence through dialogue with Muslim fundamentalists.

Some 3,000 people have been killed since the army cancelled January 1992 parliamentary elections to thwart a victory by the Islamic Salvation Officials bave said that

'positive contacts" with Islamic Salvation Froot representatives are underway.

The Armed Islamic Group has in the past warned against dialogoe, threatening "the worst of deaths" to anyone seeking reconciliation.

The movement is considered close to the Islamic Salvation Froot, which has said it is opposed to targeting fore-

The statement castigated the chief of the Armed Islamic Movement, Said Mekhloufi, a lieutenant who deserted from the Algerian army, as a "traitor" and "agent of the government." It said Mr. Mekhloufi's group was trying to bring down the Armed Islamic Group in a "plot that coincides with maneoovres around what is being called dialogue, which we bave warned against and which bas become a concrete reality."

Islamic Salvation Front offi-

cials in exile have in the past dismissed as not serious infighting among the armed groups while admitting differences exist.

paper, Hamshahri.

Mr. Fallahian did not identify the group. Mr. Rafsanjani on Friday suggested the United States and the West were behind the shooting.

sanjani addressed a crowd at the shrine of the late Ayatollah Rnbollah Khomeini outside Tehran to mark the 15th anniversary of the Islamic revolution.

tion attempt, Hamshahri said. Some Iranians doubt the. official version of the shooting, claiming it was stage-managed to boost Mr. Rafsanjani's image at a time when his govern-

Mr. Rafsanjani has come in for worsening criticism in recent months for his failure to revive Iran's moribund economy and improve the living conditions of the country's 60 million people, most of whom

With oil prices at a five-year low and Iran's foreign debts estimated at \$30 billion, the

There have been reports of unrest in many Iranian cities over economic conditions in the past few years.

probably fired from a smallcalibre pistol. They said the origin of the shots was more than 50 metres

from the platform. At least one man was seen being hustled away by security men. IRNA quoted Ayatollah Khamanei as describing the

incident as an abortive assassination attempt and the latest example of plots of Satanic powers to physically eliminate Iranian religious leaders. They attempted to strip the

Muslim Nation of one of the prominent, efficient and devotee personalities of the Islmaic republic, our beloved president," Ayatollah Kha-manei said of Mr. Rafsanjani, a cleric himself with the rank of Hojatoleslam.

"But thank God this time they were frustrated as in many of their previous plots and treasons," Ayatollah Khamanei said.

"We are the ones who stood up to terrorism and we are hit by it now," said Mohammad, Mr. Yehia's younger brother. 'Our brother Kamal helped in

wondering who is next."

radicals.

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pobce came and the armoured cars, but it was too late." No Interior Ministry spokes-

man was available for comment. The daily Al . Gomhuriya quoted one official as saying undercover guards had been protecting Mr. Yehia. But be added complete protection was impossible and complained that Mr. Yehia endangered bimself by keeping his car agency open too late.

Mr. Yehia, a father of four, got involved in the case when he sold the auto later used in the car-bombing. Prime Minister Sedki escaped injury but an 11-year-old girl bystander was killed.

Mr. Yehia tried to arrest the car's buyer, identified as Suleiman, when he came back to haggle about money still owed. The man fled, but Mr. Yehia caoght him after an 18kilometre chase in a car.

Mr. Yehia was given a 40,000 Egyptian pound (\$11,000) reward, had his picture taken with Interior Minister Hassan Al Alfi, and was

told he would get protection, His heroism got much publicity as part of the government's campaign to convince the public to inform on extremists. Gen. Alfi praised Yehia and

his brother, telling the Al Akhbar newspaper: "If every-one hravely resisted as they have done, it would be the end of terrorism." Nearly 300 people have been killed in the militants' campaign to displace the secular government with Islamic rule. But many Egyptians fear the militants or see themselves as

the extremists and the govern-A cousin, Amir, said people would now be even more afraid to give information to police. Soldiers sent to guard Mr. Yehia's showroom after the slaying nodded in agree-

outsiders in a battle between

ment. "Nobody will dare opeo their mouths," the brother Mohammad said, "Maybe I and my family will leave the village.

Rafsanjani — report reports said the unrest was sparked by reports that authorities had demolished a mosque

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TEHRAN (Agencies) — Iranian authorities bave arrested more than 20 people in last week's alleged assassination attempt against President Hashemi Rafsanjam, a news; paper reported Monday.

Iran's information minister, Ali Fallahian, accused Kourosh Nik Akhtar and his alleged accomplices of being part of "a clandestine terrorist group," according to the news-

Authorities have accused Mr. Akhtar of firing several shots last Tuesday as Mr. Raf-

Mr. Fallahian claimed members of Mr. Akbtar's group met to discuss their plans on the night prior to the assassina-

ment is mired in crisis.

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country's economic problems seem to be coming to a head.

Riots erupted last Tuesday in the southeastern city of Zahedan where demonstrators clashed with security forces, broke shop windows and hurned the Iranian flag. News

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Iraq. Somalia and Lihya.
"The Lower House of Parliament in Jordan, which has been deeply shaken by the massacre in Sarajevo, appeals to those with a genuine conscience in various nations and to world parliaments, the U.N. Security Council and human rights organisations to help

ding of innocent people's blood, and to guarantee security for the people of Bosnia whose free will and independence should be respected.

"We call on the world community to severely punish the aggressor Serbs and to prompily lift a siege imposed on Sarjevo and the other Muslim cities in Bosnia.

"We also call on the world community to supply the Bosnians with weapons for selfdefence as well as medicine

"We call also for an end to an international ban on weapons supplied to Bosnia to enable the country to repel



By Ian Atalia Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Talks between the delegation of the Western Australian Ministry of Com-merce and Trade, Jordanian businesspersons and counterparts from the public sector Monday first focused on a re-quest by Jordanian officials that Australia expand its imports of phosphate from the Kingdom.

The request was prompted by the need to help adjust the current trade imbalance between the two countries, which at present amounts to \$45 to \$50 million, according to Marwan Awad, the secretary-general of the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

The second major focus of the talks was the Australian's efforts to consolidate and strengthen their already considerable role in Jordan's meat and livestock market.

According to Radi Ibrahim, the minister of supply, there are currently 120,000 to 120,000 head of Australian livestock in Jordan.

The Australian delegation. headed by Western Australia Deputy Premier and Minister of Commerce Hendy Cowan, Monday visited the Ministry of Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Supply, and the Amman Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Awad told the delegation that "there is a huge trade deficit between the two countries, and I don't think we can close our eyes to that. It is very important in our view to increase phosphate exports to

Current exports of Jordanian phosphate to Australia amount to 200,000 tonnes a year, out of an export total of 7 million per year.

Mr. Cowan responded favourably. "Western Australia is a significant user of phosphate and potash fertilisers, and our internal production of these chemicals is limited. Therefore, there is an opportunity to competitively sell your products there," he said.

Mr. Cowan said that his ministry would approach private business; cople in West-ern Australia to look into the

Members of the Australian team stressed that Western Australia's commercial relationship with Jordan was a vital

'90 per cent of Jordan's exports to Australia find their way to Western Australia. And with a domestie market of only 1.7 million people, we depend on exports. The Middle East market represents to us nearly \$1 billion yearly of business."

Western Australia's main industry, besides herding and agriculture, is mining. It produces 37 per cent of the world's diamonds. 10 per cent of its gold, and 12 per cent of its iron ore, according to delegation

They stressed that "a significant issue for us are our ex-ports to Jordan of live sbeep," adding that Australian livestock businesses bad completed work on breeding a berd of livestock "apacifically bred for the Middle East market. These sheep are not saleable in Australia ani we have worked

Minister of Supply Radi Ibrabim (third from right) Monday holds talks with a Western Australia delegation headed by Henoy Cowan,

premier and minister of commerce (second from left) (Petra photo)

very hard to breed them. This trade is vital for us and we

don't want to see it lost." Mr. Awad replied that he was certainly ready to encourage imports of the livestock from Australia.

Officials at the Ministry of Supply told the delegation that they were concerned about the current prices Australian shipping merchants were charging to snip livestock to Jordan. which they described as exces-

They suggested allowing Jordanian shippers to compete for the business to cut down the rates through competition, or opening a special direct shipping line to transport the

One Australian representative told officials at the Ministry of Supply that "there is a strong possibility with the peace process for Jordan to become a large re-exporter of our products. We see an opportunity for livestock to be shipped hete, slaughtered here, processed and then reexported. There is also an

opportunity for us to come and build slaughterhouses and new processing facilities here."

Mr. Cowan said that a number of Australian companies were interested in building such facilities, and were already bidding for contracts to build slaughterhouses in the Agaba Free Zone and Amman Municipality, where, said one delegation member, "the present slaughterhouse is a very poor facility."

The Australian ream left Jordan Monday evening.



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REVIEWING MILITARY EDUCATION:

id on Monday. E Ma'an and Karak governo-CARE representative in Jordan, Joanna Hall, who signed the agreements, said in a stateanned to cross# ment that the agreements marked the beginning of a programme by CARE to imment numerous projects in Jordan, particularly in the

> Such projects, she said, inciude sheep-fattening, water canal maintenance, food processing, establishing a brick factory and an aluminum

These projects will cost JD66,000 of which CARE will contribute JD 39,185. The batance will come as donations from other sources, said Ms.

plans to fund personnel training and feasibility studies on economic projects for the poor

CARE is a humanitarian, non-profit secular organisation concerned with emergency assistance to people in need and local community development in the spirit of self-help.

For the past two years, CARE Australia has been active in emergency relief projects for Iraq. Jordan, Yemen and Mauritania through its regional office located in Amman, according to a CARE office statement.

The statement said that CARE has recently become involved in small, local community development projects in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Development and hopes to further expand its

was trying to amend the programme to

secretary general of the Minis-try of Social Development, attended the signing of the agreements, and later said that the ministry was eager to cooperate closely with international organisations and local voluntary groups to promote community development and help the needy.

He voiced appreciation to CARE Australia for its drive to help the poor families in

In a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, CARE said that it recently constructed a canal network in Zai, near Salt, at a cost of JD 10,000 and donated JD 15,000 to the displaced Bosnian families living in Amman and JD 10,000 to reports said. the Lebanese families whose property was damaged. in Israeli raids.

Archaeology conference to be held in Turin in '94

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Tourism Mohammad Adwan Monday said the next International Conference on the Atchaeology of Jordan will be held in the Italian city of Turio in 1995.

Archaeologists, historians, and other experts from different countries will take part in the conference which is usually held every three years, said Dr. Adwan following a meeting with Italian ambassador to Jordan Romualdo Bettini.

At the meeting, the two officials discussed coordinating Italian and Jordanian efforts to market Jordan's tourist attractions in Italy.

They also reviewed the contributions by the Italian government and specialised institutions to the archaeological exeavation seasons and the restoration of archaeological sites in Jordan, said the minister.

'In addition! he said the terms of a protocol for the establishment of a Jordanian-Italian archaeology Institute will soon be signed by both

The institute is to be headquarterd in Amman and financed jointly by both governments, said Dr. Adwan. According to Dr. Adwan,

Jordan, especially to the mosaics school in Madaba and discussions with Mr. Bettini



Adwan (right) Monday meets with Italian

also covered prospects for increasing Italian assistance to

the archaeological excavations under way in Jerash and Petra.

cial invitation to Dr. Adwan to visit Italy and attend the opening of the International Tourism Conference in Milan. Mr. Bettini extended an offi-

Police search for couple in stabbing of elderly man

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Ramtha police

are searching for a couple who Sunday allegedly stabbed a 60-year-old man, tied him up, stole JD 5,000 from him and disappeared, police

The victim, a sheep merehant, identified only as N.M.S., told police he frequently travelled with the couple to Amman and he always carried large sums of money on him.

Preliminary investigations by potice indicate that N.MS. went to the couple's house Sunday to pick the man and woman up to go to Amman to get some paper work done. There, said police reports, the elderly man was stabbed with a knife by the husband. N.M.S. fell to the floor and the man and his wife tied him with a rope, placed a piece of cloth in his mouth and fled,

The victim was discovered later by his 35-year-old son who told police be was passing by the couple's bouse and heard moaoing. The son said he checked through the window and saw his father tied up on the floor. He said he ealled his

brothers and together they broke down the door and rescued their father.

N.M.S. was taken to Ramtha Military Hospital where he was reported in fair condition.

Police said the couple had rented the house they were living in, and that they dis-

appeared after the attack on the elderly man.

Child dies in car accident A six-year-old child Sunday

was killed and ber 15-year-old sister was reported in critical condition when they were run over by a car driven by a 35-year-old man, according to police reports.

Khadijeh Mansour was crossing a street with her older sister Hourieh in one of Amman's suburbs, when they were struck by the car.

When civil defence officers arrived at the scene of the accident, Khadijeh was already dead. Her sister was rushed to a nearby hospital for treat-

Hospital scurces said the girl is suffering from a head injury,

and was listed in critical condi- usicu in critical condition.

A traffic official said thedriver of the car was at fault for not yielding to pedestrians. -Khadijeh is the third child to die in a traffic accident since the beginning of February. A seven-year-old Zarga boy killed when he was struck by a

A day later an eight-year-old girt was kilted in Sweifieh when the school bus she was riding ran over her after dropping her off near her home.

speeding car on Feb. 1.

Two other children Sunday were struck by cars in separate accidents.

One, a five-year-old from Jabal Nasr, was reported in serious condition. The other, a

four-year-old from Karak was

A police official told the

between the two.

Jordan Times that the suspect first resisted arrest and escaped. But later he currendered after police discovered the weapon (a switch blade) allegedly used in the crime.

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was detained by police after he

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The victim was taken to Jor-

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A 20-year-old Baqaa male

Aqaba palm forest creates 25 jobs

to the Turkish per AMMAN (Petra) - The palm on... it was came ince forest development pro-ject in Aqaba, began in 1992 by the Queen Alia Fund for Social Development (QAF), has created jobs for three agritained engineers and 22 farm-

When QAF undertook to develop the 1,500 dunum forest area for a period of 30 years, its aim was to grow dates which provide nutritional food. to create jobs for local citizens and also expand the green areas in the Agaba region, said

EDUCATION ON WHEELS: The mobile mirco

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QAF has plans to plant 27,000 palm trees in the forest which would produce an estimated 500 tonnes of dates annually, according to the statement.

To date nearly hatf (700 dunums) of the area involved is planted with date palms. In addition to these trees, which came from Tunisia. Egypt, Oman and the United Arab Emirates, QAF said it bas planted 1,466 citrus trees

there as well. The project has been funded by the United Nations Development Programme

(UNDP), and the trees are irrigated by a drip irrigation system which utilises water pumped from a local aretesian well and re-cycled, treated waste water.

The forest will also serve as a research centre for scientists and agricultural engineers and as a public recreational centre in the future, said the QAF

statement. It said all revenues earned from the development of the forest will help finance OAFs numerous projects mainty targeting needy families in the rural regions.

Nations Educational Social and Cultural Orga-

nisation (UNESCO) (Petra photo)



WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

Wood carving exhibition by artist Samer Ousama at the

French Cultural Centre. Art exhibition by Iraql artists at Ab'ad Art Gallery Mecca Street.

Art exhibition by artist Huda Saml Qassem at the Royal Caltural Centre.

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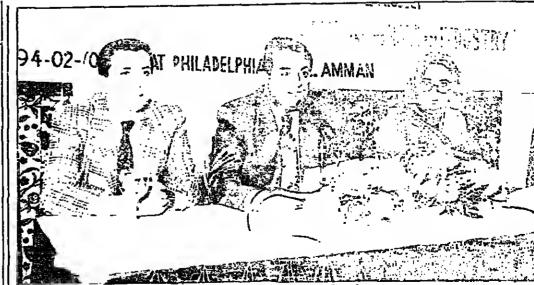
Royal Cultural Centre. Art exhibition by artists Akram Isawi and Jamal Baddawi at

the Royal Cultural Centre. * Exhibition by Lebanese artist Hussein Madi at Darat Al Funum of the Abdul Pameed Shoman Foundation. Also showing the "permy ent" exhibition of 54 Arab contempor-

ary ortists. (Te. 643251/2)

Art exhibitiuo by several Iraqi and Jordanian artists at Orfali Art Gallery (Tel. 826932).

Art exhibition by Syrian artist Yasser Himoud at the Baladna Art Gallery (Wasfi Al Tal Street).



Setting Industry Standards: Ministry of Trade and Industry Secretary General Marwan Awad (centre) Monday opens a three-day seminar on "standardisation and its role in industry." The ministry, in cooperation with the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GZT) organised the seminar at the Amman Philadelphia Hotel, for representatives of the private and public

sectors in the country. A total of 100 engineers, technicisms and specialists in specifications and standards are attending. They will discuss requirements for ensuring the minimum level of quality needed in manufactured products, ways of ensuring protection for the environment from industrial work and other relevant subjects.

By Rami G. Khouri

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Encounter, with words

IT APPEARS that the international outcry over the killing of 68 Bosnians and the wounding of many others in a mortar attack on Saturday will confine itself once again to mere rhetoric about the need to establish peace in the former Yugoslavia. U.S. President Bill Clinton, once a champion of the cause of Bosnia's independence and territorial integrity, saw in the attack an occasion to reinforce the call for peace in the country, but has done little on the ground to stop the fighting. The international community, especially the affected Bosnians, must be awefully tired of hearing the expressions of sentiments for peace while the indiscriminate killings and widespread suffering go on unabated.

President Clinton's worn-out pledge to lift the arms embargo against the Bosnians if the massacres continued has a shallow tone to it, and we wish that he would stop making false promises that his administration has no intention to keep. Only a week ago, the U.S. Senate voted by an overwhelming majority to end the arms embargo on Bosnia. Republican Senate leader Robert Dole has likewise repeatedly assured the White House that the American people would solidly back effective U.S. air strikes on Serbian gunners besieging Sarajevo. Yet nothing has happened, although other Western capitals are starting to feel more heat by the recent deaths in the Sarajevo marketplace. Unfortunately, though, most are offering no more than useless ideas to defuse the situation. One capital is calling for investigation, as if an attack of this sort needs an investigation and does not fall into a familiar pattern. U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali may be edging closer to authorising aerial attacks, but he is not there yet by a long shot. This time, however, the secretary general has tried a turnaround by asking for permission from NATO to launch air strikes, exactly when the Western powers keep on asserting that they are still awaiting authorisation from the U.N.

There is every fear that the continued bloodshed in Bosnia would increase the religious overtones of the conflict. There is nothing worse than to develop the fighting in Bosnia into a religious warfare that would have the seeds for international division on religious grounds. The world is already torn up hy scores of flashpoints and can ill afford a religious dimension at a time when reasonable men and women are desperately trying to promote religious tolerance. There are now more and louder calls for an Islamic response, something that does not augur well for the new international order. Even the 51-member Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) was not spared a frontal attack when one Gulf statesman depicted its objectives as "only to hold meetings and spend millions on meetings." While such a description of the OIC is not totally wrong, the higgest concern lies in the fact that religious conflicts need to be contained as soon as possible for fear that their fallout could engulf the entire globe with a new cycle of violence. This is a dimension of the Bosnian crisis that 's for solid actions, and not just rhetorical

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re tions as has been the case so far.

COMMENTING on the massacre in Sarajevo that resulted in the death of more than 66 people, Al Ra'i Arahic daily said that this horrible act of genocide drew mere verbal reactions from the Western capitals but nothing is being done to punish the culprits. Even the Arah League, which has so far condoned the atrocities committed against the Iraqi people, has followed the example of the Western capitals by voicing condemnation by mere words without moving to lend a helping hand to the victims, said the paper. The Western countries continue to deceive that the world hy claiming that they are contemplating measures to stem the killing and to deter the aggressors, but in fact the West is bent on belping the murderers to eliminate the Muslim people of Bosnia, charged the daily. Before the funeral of the victims has ended, the seeming anger over the attack on Sarajevo will calm down in Washington and the other Western capitals as well as the Arab

League which would once again delve into its long slumber, poerturbed by the death of the Iraqi ehildren or this massacre of the Bosnian women. In this situation, the Serbs who committed this and many other crimes against the Muslims will have the cou. - to pursue their action further, it added.

The View from Fourth Circle

Thanks, Doc, for a needed prologue

The parliamentary dehate on the food and medicines controversy unleashed by Health Minister Ahdul Rahim Malhas was very impressive, hut also slightly sad. It was impressive because of the manner in which an issue of great political sensitivity and public importance was openly and honestly discussed, with a credible degree of democratic give-and-take hetween the government and the parliamentarians.

It was also impressive for the decisive decisions by the executive and legislative branches to ask the public prosecutor to study the allegations thoroughly, to initiate legal cases against alleged violators of the pertinent laws, and to strengthen the control systems relating to food and medicines. On all these counts, the young Jordanian democratic system was rather effective, at least in the rhetoric department. We heard many good things. It remains to he seen what action

The parliamentary debate probably accurately reflected the spectrum of opinion in society as a whole vis-a-vis the key issues ar hand, i.e. should the minister of health have launched his campaign with an interview to a sensational tabloid newspaper? Could he not have dealt with the alleged violations through the existing machinery at his disposal?

These were not questions that could be answered with a definitive yes or no. They were judgements and opinions that needed to be expressed in a public furum, and this is precisely what happened in a constructive and rational manner (despite the still obvious sensitivity of the government and some MPs to public criticism -- a sensitivity that will moderate in time, as our culture adapts to a public system of democratic pluralism and as the individuals involved adapt to the give-and-take of the public accountability of public servants).

The issue of alleged corruption among government officials was also mentioned frequently, and both the government and the MPs were Olympian in their verbal commitment to fighting corruption and safeguarding the wellbeing of the people. We'll have to wait and see what happens in the months ahead in the fight against corruption. It is unlikely that all cases of corruption will miraculously disappear because the government and the MPs waved their arms, viewed to fight for goodness, and condemned corruption as an evil that must be stamped out. Yet, the mere fact that corruption was raised as an issue of public concern is a positive development. We will soon find out if the probe into these charges will get any further than the probes against individuals accused of wrongdoing after the 1989 parliamentary elections.

Compared to most other countries in the Middle East, Jordan was heroic in its commitment to an honest, open discussion of issues that touched on both the personal wellbeing of the citizenry and the conduct of public officials. The rest of the Middle East, however, is a slubious standard against which to judge our progress on the democratisation frant. We should he careful about patting purselves on the hack for being tidy in a largely messy neighbourhood.

Nevertheless, the last two weeks were generally positive in this respect, and we should recognise the good news while unt hesitating to point out the had news.

The bad news, I would suggest, is that the whole controversy sparked by Dr. Mathas' interview never really bruched the main point that underlies the food and medicines controversy and others like it that probably await future exposure. That main point is the capacity of our public sector to play the quality control, supervisory and watchdog functions that are its legal and moral obligation.

The specific accusations about merchants who pressured the government to give them favourable decisions on imports or prices are not surprising, in view of the large profits that stand to be made. This is the central weakness that makes the government and many of its personnel susceptible to charges of wrongdoing - the fact that there is so much money available to be made in the private sector, while the public sector languishes under the intolerable burden of limited funds that have to be distributed in the form of salaries amongst a large bureaucracy.

Petty and massive corruption are likely to occur when three things hoppen, as have happened in Jordan and most of the rest of the Middle East in the second half of this century; when the central government is the major employer in the economy and also controls most spending that determines the fate of the national economy, and when there are no serious checks and halances on executive authority.

We suffer the additional problem of having a dynamic private sector and allowing free movement of people, which means that talented individuals can book to the private sector or employment ahroad if they do not find government work professionally or financially satisfying. The result: a steady drain of the best minds out of public service and into the private sector or abroad, and a growing gap hetween salaries in the private and public sectors.

There is little doubt, as a result, that the quality of the public sector as a whole has declined in recent decades. While this may lead to some corruption — the parliamentary dehate suggests that such a feeling is widespread - the more important problem is that it could lead to large-scale mismanagement or even incompetence. Specifically, the new threat that confronts our societies today and in the near future is whether or not the public sector has the combination of human expertise and organisational capacity to deal with the political power of the private sector and its alluring money.

The private sector is no angel, of course; corporate greed will drive many private businesspeople to maximise their profits at the expense of the public's wellbeing, even through the use of hribes, favours, gifts, and other dubinus means. Many government bureaucrats will find themselves in situations where they are unable to resist the temptations of private sector offerings. How can we expect a mid-level bureaucrat earning JD 15/1 a month to deal with the political and financial

pressures that can be brought to bear on him or her by the likes of global corporate giants that manufacture soft drinks, eigarettes, and other items that have it miss market potential

In the last three decades, we have witnessed the inability of government officials to formulate tough policies that are in the interest of the people as a whole, hecause such policies may hurt some special interest groups. We have seen our currency lose more than half its foreign exchange value. We have seen the finest rainfed agricultural lands in our western highlands sacrificed at the altar of commercial real estate profiteering. We have watched our underground water reserves slowly squeezed to a dangerous level where permanent damage may be inevitable. We have witnessed the emergence of serious environmental problems without sufficiently strong prevention nr remedial programmes.

Historians and political psychologists will have to determine the reasons for these facts. I cannot say if this is a consequence of sheer mediocrity by public officials who faced problems they could not handle, or a case of intelligent, honest and hard-working individuals who were unable to withstand the political and other pressures that they were subjected to.

The fact remains that our public sector today is being asked to play the vital role of legal and miral watchding of society. but it is not being given the personnel or the financial means needed to play that role. It is not surprising, then, that our society should suffer some corruption. It is surprising, however. that we should allow the causes of corruption and mismanagement to continue for so long, without addressing

We have a political system in place today that allows for an open, honest discussion of such sensitive issues. Dr. Malhas has done the country a real service by provoking a debate on the food and medicines sector. He should he thanked for his courage and his decisiveness, and perhaps even pencilled in forhigher office in the future. What has happened in the last two weeks, though, is merely prologue. The real show has yet to

It remains now for the government of Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali and the Parliament headed by Taher Al Masri and Ahmad Al Lawzi to provide the leadership that their people expect from them — leadership in identifying the underlying causes of public sector mismanagement and corruption, and action to redress the causes. To evade such a responsibility would he simply to compound the problems and weaknesses of the recent past, and to postpone the day of reckoning until the problems caused by current trends are routinely cutastrophic, rather than merely the cause of cpisodic news dramas. If the government and the parliament want to work together for the lung-term public good, as they say they do. here's a good place to start.

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An irreversible process

By Yitzhak Rabin

IN THE last decade of our 20th century, walls of hatred have fallen, peoples have been liberated, and artificial barriers have disappeared, powers have crumhled and ideologies have collapsed.

It is our sacred duty, to ourselves and to our children, to see the new world as it is now, to note its dangers, explore its prospects, and do everything possible so that the state of Israel will fit into the changing face of this world. I think that in recent years the world has shrunk and no nation can solve its problems alone, and no country should think that it is isolated. Each nation should overcome those feelings and act in world and regional cooperation. We wish that our region will also join this movement towards peace, reconciliation and cooperation that is spreading over the globe these days.

I have committed myself and my government to the present peace process, and I have expressed on many occasions my hope that 1994 will be a year during which a peace agree-ment can be reached with our Arah neighbours. We believe with all our hearts that peace is possible, that it is imperative,

and that it will come. For much of my life I was a soldier. I took part in Israel's wars, as well as Israel's march for peace. As one who has been a soldier, I can still see as though it were just yesterday - the rows of fallen comrades lining the road to Jerusalem in our war of independence; the skeletons of the burnt-out vehicles; the burning trucks; and the thousands of besieged Jerusalemites coming out towards us to get their sacks of sugar, and rice and Jerry cans of water.

As one who was a commander, I know that before we decided -- before I decided --

to go into hattle, we always saw before us - and will always see - the eyes of the soldiers asking whether this is vital, whether there isn't some other choice.

Only one who, year after year, stands facing the thousands and tens of thousands of silent mourners in the cemeteries on Memorial Day, only one who has seen worlds destroyed and families devastated knows just how important peace is to us.

Nevertheless, as the son of a people that was exiled from its land as the son of a people to whom the picture of the child with raised hands in the Warsaw ghetto returns at night, I ask for your understanding and undivided attention: For us, peace, as important as it is. cannot prevail without security, Israel will be very forthcoming in its quest for peace, but it will not compromise on its security.

Israel is ready for peace and is willing to take risks and make dramatic decisions. But any risk or decision should be well calculated, for hasty actions could bring upon us irreversible results

As chief of staff during the Arab-Israeli war. I promised myself that I would be the last commander of the Israeli army who would have to face untenable borders, unreasonable lines of defence, and the threat of annihilation. The security of our children, our security is essential.

If we have security, we will also have peace - for all the inhabitants of our country and for its neighbours.

The government of Israel recognises that in order to put an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict and for peace to be real and permanent, it must be inclusive of all the parties to the conflict participating in the present peace process.

The U.S. has generated a formula which serves both as a

procedural and substantive term of reference to the peace process. We believe very firmly that there is no need to alter this formula, for it responds to our long quest to hold direct negotiations with those Arah parties invited to this process according to the Madrid Letter of Invitation. We should not lose precious time. Our aim is to conclude a set

of bilateral peace agreements in each and every track of negotiations in order to meet the objective of establishing a comprehensive, just and last-

ing peace.

The problem now is one of substance. I am convinced that temporary setbacks and difficulties in our negotiations with the PLO will not stop us from reaching an agreement. The road to peace is irreversible. Therefore I do believe that we should persevere in our efforts aimed at implementing our agreement with the PLO.

We don't have any territorial designs in Lebanon and our problems with Jordan could be solved fairly easily. However. Lebanon will not budge without Syria's hlessing.

President Clinton met with President Assad in Geneva on Jan. 16. Out of this event came a hope that we should explore carefully in order to be sure that Syria genuinely means to achieve the kind of peace and security we are looking for, a peace that would last for generations to come, a peace that would put an end to the sufferings, plight and fear of all the peoples in the Middle East, a peace that would fulfill Prophet Isaiah's vision: "Nation shall not lift sword against nation, nor shall they learn war any more,

This is an excerpt from Prime Minister Rabin's address to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe last week in Strasbourg. It is reprinted from

Torn between East, West U.S. still to formulate post-cold war strategy

By Alan Fisner Reuter

WASHINGTON - Tom between Europe and Asia, between trade policy and classic realpolitik, the United States is still trying to construct a coherent strategy in the post-cold war world.

The visit of Japanese Prime Minister Moribiro Hosokawa to Washington Friday presents an opportunity to examine these issues anew. But analysts and officials are divided on how the various strands of policy might fit together.

Last November at a summit for Asian-Pacific nations in Seattle, President Clinton seemed to suggest that the United States would increasingly look to Asia and to encouraging trade as its top priorities in foreign affairs. Secretary of State Warren

Constopher ruffled feathers by declaring that Europe was no longer the centre of the world. That forced Mr. Clinton to

soothe feelings during a January NATO summit by stating that Washington's new attention to Asia certainly did not come at the expense of its traditional cultural ties and decades of friendship with All this is happening under a

U.S. president who is less interested, less experienced and less engaged in foreign affairs than some of his predecessors. There is a feeling in Washington that the priority is

neither Asia nor Europe hut Iowa, Texas and California and that all politics have become local. A decision to let Irish repub-

lican leader Gerry Adams visit the United States was taken largely because Mr. Clinton needs the support of prominent Irish-American politicians to push through health care reforms. Intervention to stop the war

in Yugoslavia was rejected because it "would threaten the survival of the fragile liberal coalition represented hy this presidency," one State Depart-ment official said last year.

U.S. troops started leaving Somalia after 18 soldiers were killed in a firefight -- considered an unacceptable level of casualties for the world's only superpower in the post cold

So what are U.S. priorities and what should they be?

During the cold war, U.S. foreign policy consisted of opposing the Soviet Union anywhere and everywhere in the world. Everything else secondary.

According to Boston University Professor Uri Ra'anan, the priority should still be the future of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet republics.

"You don't require a foreign policy to do trade. Foreign policy bas always been and remains security policy. It has to do with arms agreements, the creation of alliances and the prevention of weapon proliferation," he said.

In Mr. Ra'anan's view, the number one task facing Mr. Clinton is to rebuild NATO into an effective instrument that will be able to react to crises that are sure to lie ahead in Europe. But his view does not seem to be shared in the administration

"In the past, the security threat gave us good reason to overlook discrepencies in economic relations," said a senior State Department official.

Russia is vital link in NATO's partnership plans

By Nicholas Doughty

BRUSSELS - Eastern European states are rocing to sign new military parmership deals with NATO but the alliance is mcreasingly worned that Russia — the most vital link in the chain - may not take part. NATO leaders offered

"partnership for peace" to its former Communist foes, including Russia. at a summit one month ago. Poland. Romenia, Lithuania and Estonia .ave all signed. Hungary. Uki. ne and Slovakia will do so il... week. The parmership, which pro-

vides for joint training. peacekeeping exercises and other military cooperation. was designed partly to ease Russian fears that NATO would rush to take on Moscow's former satellites as mem-

The idea was billed as a chance to include all countries in building greater security for Europe, while not excluding an expansinn nf NATO at some time in the future.

NATO diplomats said that while Russia had initially welcomed the plan, there were now indications that Moscow was unhappy with the rush to sign up by countries which see the partnership as the first step towards joining the 16-nation

"One of the central ideas behind purtnership for pcace was that it would be a way of including Russia, since it is the higgest power in Europe and the most important part of the jigsaw." said one NATO diplomut, who asked not to be identified.

"We are increasingly worried by signals that Moscow may not be interested after all." he said.

Russian Defence Minister Pavel Grachev said last week Moscow could not support the partnership if it was used as a vehicle for the integration of Eastern European states and former Soviet republics into the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

The problem is that this is precisely how Eastern European states see it. Romania, Poland, Lithuania and Estonia all stressed in signing the deal at NATO Headquarters that their aim was full membership. Eastern European states are increasingly worried by the rise of extreme nationalism in Russia and Moscow's more conservative line on foreign policy. which diplomats say has been heavily influenced by the

With signs that Russia may be edging away from reform. those countries are keener than ever to find shelter with NATO.

Russia wants U.N. approval to take more direct responsibilily for keeping order in former Soviet republics and has raised problems recently over a landmark European arms treaty which limits the deployment of

its conventional forces. In addition, there is still tension between Moscow and the Baltic republics, part of the

Soviet Union until 1991.... NATO diplomats say they have received conflicting signals from Moscow on the "partnership for peace" proposal and that it is unclear what Russia really means.

President Boris Yeltsin told U.S. President Bill Clinton after the NATO summit last month that Moscow would play an active role in the partnership.

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With more than two thirds of the water withdrawn from the earth's rivers. lakes and aquifers being used for irrigation, agriculture is the world's largest water user. Some 2.4 billion people depend on irrigated agriculture for jobs, food and incomes.

Over the next 30 years, the report predicts. 80 per cent of the additional food needed to feed the world will have to come from irrigated agricullure, just as increasingly scarce water supplies force agriculture to give up water to cities and industries.

According to the FAO report, domestic water users generally can afford to pax more for water than agricultural users, while industrial water users provide more jobs, produce more income and earn a higher rate of return per unit of water than agriculture. Agriculture, the report says. also a relatively inwivalue. low-efficiency and highly subsidised water user.

'As populations expand and economies grow, competition for limited supplies will intensify and so will conflicts among users'

Water quantity and quality requirements differ widely depending on the use. The report cites a private study which calculates that about 15,000 cuhic metres of water and normally sufficient to irrigate one hectare of rice. "This same amount," adds the study, "can supply: 100 nomads and 450 heads of stock for three years: or 100 rural families through house connections for four years: or 100 urban families for two years; or 100 luxury hotel

guests for 55 days, Though the rising cost of water will present another obstacle for developing countnes, the report said higher water prices should encourage farmers to use water more efficiently, while promoting water-saving technologies.

Today, despite "huge investments and subsidies." the report said. "irrigation performance indicators are falling short of expectations for yield increases, area irrigated and technical efficiency in water use. As much as 60 per cent of the water diverted or pumped for irrigation is wasted; in too

many eases this excess water seeps hack into the ground. causing waterlogging and salinity. As much as one guarter of all irrigated land in developing countries suffers from varying

degrees of salinisation."

Several countries are already improving agriculture water use through administrative reform policies, investment in irrigation management and irrigation rehabilitation. But the report recommends that countries must do more than encourage innovations in water-saving technologies: they must also establish a structure of pricing incentives, regulations, permits, restrictions and penulties to encourage the efficient use of water.

The developing world needs irrigated agriculture to inerease incomes, improve production and ensure food security into the next century, according to the FAO.

The State of Food and Agriculture 1993 analyses issues that could have major impacts on global food and agriculture policies. It stresses that a workdwide econnmie recovery is needed to stimulate ugricultural growth and trude and predicts some impruvement in agricultural commodity prices during 1994, following the downward slide of the last 10

The report also looks at opportunities to produce a wider range of better quality agricultural products through hiotechnology. The report warns, however, that inadequare distribution of hiotechnology could aggravate socio-economic imbalances. Developing countries und poorer farmers face difficulties in absorbing new technologies, while technological substitutes for agricultural products, like artificial vanilla, may jeopardise exports from developing countries.

In a region-hy-region review, the report produced these findings;

- In Asia, while improved seed and fertiliser technology. complemented with a vast expansion in irrigation facilities. removed the spectre of hunger from many Asian countries, in some cases, it was leading to environmental degradution

- In Latin America, currency overvaulation was a major influence behind the weakness in agricultural exports. Added to that was the dramatic fall of commodity prices, affecting several of the main export products of the region.

- In Central and Eastern Europe, reform and the uncertainty surrounding privatisation and property rights continued to influence the region's agricultural production negatively.

- Africa was still the continent most seriously affected by food shortages, requiring exceptional emergency assistance. Food security has been a majur preoccupation in the region.

In a detailed analysis of the situation in Africa, the report highlighted some hright developments, including a prog-ramme launched by Senegal that aims to achieve 80 per cent self-sufficiency in food,

However, the report said, about 20 per cent of the people in the developing world, some 780 million, are chronically undernourished, consuming too little food to meet even minimal energy needs. Approximately 192 million children under five years of age suffer from acute or chronic

protein-energy mainutrition." The report also notes that there have been a number of impressive achievements in food availability over the last few decades, It states that the number of people in developing regions suffering from chronic malnutrition has declined consistently. from 36 per cent to 20 per cent, even though the world population has increased.

The FAO publishes The State of Food and Agriculture each year as part of its conlinuing effort to focus world attention on the major issues constraining increused agricultural production and moreequitable distribution of the food supply.

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A breakthrough on tuberculosis

By Lawrence K. Altman

How Tuberculosis

NEW YORK - Tuberculosis researchers bave made a laboratory discovery that they say paves the way for the development of new and more powerful drugs against the infectious disease, which has become a growing public health

threat throughout the world. As strains of the tubercle bacillus have become resistant to the drugs that have long controlled the infection, tuberculosis has once again become a deadly disease in the United States, as well as in less developed countries.

Only a few years ago, the U.S. government set the year 2010 as the date for eliminating tuberculosis from the country. But now federal health officials say the disease is out of control in several areas, including New York City, where it has become a major problem in hospitals and homeless shelters and among people who are infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Mycobacterium tuberculosis, the hacterium that causes the disease, has become resistant to as many as seven drugs.

The resurgence of tuberculoresearch, reported in the journal Science by researchers from New York and New Zea-

The discovery seems to explain how isoniazid, a key antituberculosis drug, kills the tubercle bacillus. Even though isoniazid has been one of the main weapons in the control of tuberculosis since 1952, scientists have never understood how it works.

Doctors prescribe isoniazid to prevent full-fledged disease in people who have recently shown evidence of infection in a tuberculin skin test and to treat the disease. But with the rise of new cases of drugresistant tuberculosis, experts are no longer certain about its

effectiveness. The new study reports on the discovery of a gene in M. tuberculosis called inhA, for isonicotinie acid hydrazide. The gene directs the production of an enzyme that the researchers suspect belps chain hpids to each other. They believe isoniazid works by targeting the enzyme and interfering with the lipids to kill the bac-

One of the main goals is to use the discovery of the gene to find new drugs to overcome the currently drug-resistant strains of tuberculosis. As a crucial step in pursuit of that goal, the researchers are in the process of crystallising the enzyme in the laboratory to see its three-dimensional struc-

The researchers also are exploring the possibility of using the crystallised enzyme to develop drugs against a bacterial cousin of tuberculosis known as M. avium. It produces a common problem among people with AIDS that is difficult to treat.

"By identifying the target

enzyme, we now have the knowledge we need to overcome resistance to this drug," said Dr. William R. Jacobs Jr., the head of the New York research team and a researcher at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Broax. "The idea is that by understanding this protein, the target, we should be able to begin to make drugs that will substitute for isoniazid and be

Another dividend of the new findings might be the development of more rapid tests to

better."

the head of a laboratory in detect drug-resistant tuberculosis, Dr. Jacobs said. He said New Zealand. His team's rehis team still had an incomplete picture of precisely how isoniazid kills the tubercle bacillus, but it has hypothesized how the microbe might Both teams identified a develop resistance to isoniazid.

This could occur either through a mutation that blocks researchers used different isoniazid from binding to it or through the manufacture of large amounts of the enzyme, which would nullify isoniazid's M. smegmatis and the New effect. "If we understand ex-Zealand group found it in M. actly how isoniazid binds, we should be able to design drugs

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In the research that led to the discovery of the gene, Dr. Jacobs's team began collabor-

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ating with Dr. Paul Atkinson,

search in Upper Hut, New Zealand, is focused on M. bovis, an important infection

mutation in the inhA gene that produced drug resistance. The members of the mycobacter-ium family. The New York team identified the mutation in

That was strong but only partial proof that they had found the target for isoniazid and that it was the enzyme produced by inhA.

The next step is to crystallise the enzyme, thereby providing the protein. "With that, you can begin to see how the isoniazid actually hinds to the molecule and how it works," Dr. Jacobs said.

a three-dimensional picture of

Dr. Jacobs said his team could not undertake such crystallisation studies until it had found the target. "Before this we did not know what to crystallise," he said. "Now we know this is the protein we want to do the crystal structure

Dr. Jacobs also said that he has found hints that inhA might have implications beyond tuberculosis and he speculated that the discovery might open up the way to make a whole new class of broad-spectrum antibiotics" ---New York Times.

JORDAN

policy consisted. Cabinet to endorse tax law

existing tax structure to determioe whether it would lead to high prices in the market and borden the poor," said a source. "By the time attention was given to the details, it was too late because people had already framed their opinion and judged that the sales tax was

no good for Jordan."
Mr. Gammoh conceded Monday that there were differing viewpoints over the draft law, which has been under discussion for the past 30 months, and the final draft was endorsed with a clear understanding that the lowincome group would be prolected against any increase in

According to officials familiar with the final draft, the law sets 10 per cent as a general rate of tax and allows the rate to go up to 20 per cent for luxury items.

Any further upward revision of the rate and the second phase of the tax to include the services sector will have to have parliamentary endorsement in the form of a separate law.

The draft law, according to the officials, provides for the tax to be levied on landed cost plus customs duties on imported products.

importers, represented by the Chamber of Commerce, were demanding that the levy be calculated on the landed Abu Nidal behind Maayteh murder

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Maaytah, the embassy's first

secretary, outside his Beirut

home on Jan, 29 and seized

some documents from his

His Majesty King Hussein,

who was away on an official visit to the U.S., when Mr.

Maaytah was murdered, told

reporters upon his return that

Jordan would not be "intimi-

dated by eowards and

(Continued from page 1) cost excluding customs, while local industries, represented by the Chamber of Industry, argued that this would give an edge to imported products

> goods. Manufacturers also argued that they would be subject to double taxatioo; first when their raw materials enter the country and again when the finished products leave their production plants. But this dispute was over by a proposed arrangement under which the taxes paid on entry of raw material will be reduced from the tax calculated on final products.

> over locally manufactured

Among other differences that beld up the draft law was over the duration of the first stage of implementing the tax before expanding its coverage of non-trade sectors of the economy.

A range of products, mostly basic foodstuff, medicine and educational materials, are exempted from the tax.

In essence the sales will replace a consumption tax which took effect in 1992, and proponents of the draft law say that there would not be any immediate price rises in the market since the levy was oot an addition.

But businessmen are not convinced, and Parliament might turn out to be the final judge in the controversy.

"We have paid dearly in

blood in the past for our

principles, our ideals ... I

don't think that there are any

in this world who can intimi-

date this country," the King

"Nobody can murder a na-

tion and I think here we bave

a nation which stands proud

and will continue to stand

proud," he added.

cowardly acts."

Arafat, Peres seek deal

with Mr. Peres. Israel had warned that Mr. Peres would not travel to Cairo without an assurance of a meeting with the PLO chair-

Israel and the PLO are to try to iron out differences which have held up implementation of their Sept. 13 autonomy accord. Under the deal, Israeli troops were to have started pulling out of Gaza and Jericho

The main stumbling-blocks in the negotiations have been the control of crossing points from the the autonomous areas into Egypt and Jordan, and security measures for Jewish

But Mr. Peres and Mr. Araland around Jericho, according Mr. Kamal said the Palesti"We want to end the victous circle in which the negotiations are being held, to be able to draft all the clauses of the

accord." Nabil Shaath, the PLO's chief autonomy oegotiator, said the Israelis had made statements apparently renouncing what was achieved in

"The 'miracles' of Mr. Rabin are blocking the way," Dr. Shaath told AFP, referring to the prime minister's com-ments last week that it would take a miracle to have a final

appealed to the United States and Russia, co-sponsors of the Middle East peace initiative launched in 1991, to "press-ure" Israel into "rapidly" withdrawing its troops from the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

"It depends on the willingess of the Palestinians to come to Cairo, as was agreed in Davos," said Mr. Rabin on said Mr. Rabin on Israeli radio.

Egypt's Foreign Minister Amr Musa salvaged the meeting by contacting both Mr. Peres and Mr. Arafat by telephone late Sunday, the PLO representative in Cairo, Said Kamal, told reporters.

on December 13.

settlers in Gaza.

fat agreed in Davos that Israel would grant autonomy to about 55 square kilometres of to the Israeli press. nians "want to end the de-

Davos.

accord this week.

Mr. Rabin has said it needs three or four more weeks, accord in Cairo.

"The PLO bopes that we what was achieved at Davos." sides were close to an accord."

The PLO on Sunday

while Mr. Arafat has said be would be ready to sign an

will reach an accord based on said Dr. Shaath. "But the Israelis have gone back on what was achieved at the Davos talks, when the two

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Aden, Sanaa trade charges

n Moscow and the iblics, part of the iblics, part of the iblics, part of the iblics, part of the iblics. (Continued from page 1) and the airforce command in Moscow on proportion for peace property and it is unclear and Sanaa and Hodeida are held responsible for the consequences of such illegal acts which represent a serious precedeot threatening flights in the Yemeni airspace and harming

Yemen's reputation." He called for the immediate ve role in the lat release of the plane, its cargo

and crew, Mr. King said the British Foreign Office had been informed of the incident. President Ali Abdullah Saleh and Vice-President Ali Salem Al Beedh have been locked in a bitter feud for months which threatens to tear the country apart. The two ruled North and Sooth Yemen respectively until the merger.

4 Israeli soldiers killed

the first in South Lebanon Israeli army and its proxy South Lebanon Army (SLA),

since Dec. 10, when an officer was killed after his tank was hit by a rocket.

Hizbollah said in a statement broadcast by its radio station that its fighters carried out the amhush in rememberance of their leader, Sheikh Abbas Musawi, killed Feb. 16, 1992, in an Israeli helicopter raid.

Another Hizbollah figure, Sheikh Raghed Harb, a fiery anti-Israeli resistance leader and preacher, was assassinated in the village of Jibsheet Feb. 16, 1984, Hizbollah blamed the Israelis, who occupied the region at the time.

The guerrillas also carried

out two other bomb attacks

Monday on patrols from the

casualties. Israeli forces and the SLA retaliated by pounding guerrilla positions with Howitzers.

militia apparently causing no

By late afternoon, the Israelis had fired more than 200 artillery and tank rounds, and the guerrillas had unleashed about 50 Katyusha rockets and scores of mortar rounds, the sources said.

In terms of weapons deployed and the area engulfed in fire, Monday's violence was the worst in seven months. At least 148 people were killed and 500 wounded in a weeklong Israeli air, sea and land

Save water ... every drop counts

Japan's current account surplus jumps 11.7% to record \$131b

-- struggled with a new embar-=: Sassment of riches on Monday, announcing an 11.7 per cent cap in its current-account sur-

^{1.} plus to a record \$131 billion fast year as talks were to resume in Washington on U.S.-Japanese trade problems.

The gigantic surplus announced by the finance ministry surpassed the previous all-time high of \$118 bil-tion in 1992. The imbalance included a record \$141 billion surplus in merchandise trade, up 6.9 per cent, in some of the most sensitive areas under negotiation in Washington, as lowell as the smallest deficit in izwisible trade in 20 years.

... The invisible trade deficit, measuring a country's trade in services such as tourism and hipping along with investment income and other items, shrank 61,6 per cent from a ear earlier to \$3.9 billion.

In yen terms, however, apan's current account sur-,- three years, shrinking from → 9 trillion yen to 14.6 trillion en to reflect the impact of the en's sharp appreciation last

> "The trend has been changing," said Hiroshi Uchimura,

> Washington (AFP) —

The U.S. government released

Monday a tight \$1.52 trillion

budget for 1995, aimed at re-

ducing the budget deficit to

\$176 billion, its lowest level in

The budget is based on pro-

ected economic growth of 2.7

per cent in fiscal 1995, down

from three per cent this year,

with inflation forecast at 3.2

per cent, up from three per

cent this year, according to the

"Unemployment is forecast to

The figures released Mon-

day revised the 1994 inflation

forecast down from an earlier

more Omani banks are plan-

ning to merge to denent from

attractive incentives offered by

the central bank to encourage

nimergers as part of overall eco-

nomic reforms in the oil-rich

The Oman Arab Bank (OAB) and the Oman-Euro-pean Bank (OEB) have been

involved in negotiations for merger, which will be the third

in Oman since the central bank

innounced the incentives three

"We are holding negotia-

tions but they are still in their initial stages." OAB General Manager Abdul Qadir Askalan

Gulf state.

all to six per cent in 1995 from

figures released Monday.

6.4 per cent this year,

· six year.

director of research at the finance ministry's International Finance Bureau. "As far as we can see from recent figures, the scale of the surplus has continued to shrink.

The ministry said the record trade surplus was fuelled by brisk exports of semiconductors, automotive parts and ships along with the reduced value of Japanese imports of crude oil. Overall exports climbed 6.2 per cent to \$351 billion while imports advanced 5.7 per cent to \$210 billion.

Negotiators were to launch a fresh effort in Wasbington Monday aimed at reaching agreement on trade ahead of a summit there on Friday between President Bill Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Moriniro Hosokawa.

The stumbling block lies on "numerical targets" demanded by the United States for opening Japan's markets in key sectors, such as automotive trade, which accounts for roughly half of Japan's \$50 billion surplus on trade with the United States. U.S. Trade Representative

Mickey Kantor, frustrated by poor progress last week, issued a veiled warning, saying the United States had "other op-

estimate of 3.3 per cent.

forecast at \$1.34 trillion.

Spending for fiscal 1995, be-

ginning Oct. 1, is forecast at

\$1.52 trillion, with revenue

The defence budget edges

up from \$260.9 billion to

\$263.7 billion, although the

money will be eaten up by a

pay hike for the military and

personnel will be cut seven per

But money is switched into

jobs, recognising that employ-

ment is still dragging behind

the rest of the economic re-

The budget for fiscal 1995,

beginning Oct. 1, cuts 115

federal programmes, for a sav-

ing of some \$3.25 billion, but

already meet the requirements

set by the central bank but the

merger is in line with the gov-

Muscat.

pointed out.

or dealing with lopsided trade.

The sharply smaller invisible trade deficit, which helped to inflate the current account imbalance as much as the surplus in merchandise trade, mainly reflected increased inflows of investment income.

Sucb inflows rose 14 per cent to more than \$41 billion, the ministry said. Inflows of interest and divided income advanced 15 per cent from a year earlier to almost \$35 billion while inflows of income from direct investments abroad climbed nine per cent to more than \$6 billion

A Bank of Japan official said higher income from dividend payments was the main factor behind the increase. Other factors were income from interest-rate swaps along with interest on loans made by Japanese banks abroad, he

Japan's travel deficit was fractionally bigher at \$23.3 billion while the transport deficit was up 14 per cent at \$11.4 billion, mainly as a result of reduced income from freight transactions which was more than balved.

The balance-of-payments figures also showed that

provides cash for highway con-

struction and an educational

boost for the country's poorest

down to \$176.1 billion, under a

\$500 billion deficit reduction

plan put forward by President

That is \$126 billion less than

Mr. Clinton forecast a year

ago, and the best deficit show-

ing since 1989, when it stood at

While the deficit reduction

plan has generally been good

news for the economy, pushing

down interest rates and en-

couraging investment, unem-

ployment remains a problem.

Omani banks press on with mergers in reform

The U.S. jobless rate was

Bill Clintou last year.

\$152.5 billion.

And it will take the deficit

Japanese investors bought a record \$3.5 billion worth of foreign stocks in December, boosting net purchases in 1993 to a four-year high of \$15.3

The heavy buying, which belped boost long-term capital outflows almost threefold to \$78.1 billion last year, reflected growing Japanese interest in booming stock markets, the central bank official

billion.

Another major factor boosting capital outflows was net sales of Japanese securities by foreign investors which hit a record \$11.1 billion reflecting beavy redemptions of bonds issued abroad in the late 1980s.

In December alone, the current account surplus was up 9.3 per cent at \$12.6 billion. The trade surplus alone expanded 8.7 per cent to \$14.1 billion with exports leaping 6.1 per cent to \$31.7 billion while imports climbed a slower 4.2 per cent to \$17.6 billion.

The invisible trade deficit for the month was \$1.2 billion, up 32 per cent. The deficit in the long-term capital account ballooned to \$9.8 billion, more than five times higher than December the previous year.

6.7 per cent in January, a rise

of 0.3 per cent from a month

earlier although the Labour

Department said this was

largely due to the introduction

of a new method of calcula-

tion, and that under the new

system the figure was down.

The budget includes some

\$400 million extra to help train

workers who lose their jobs as

but another programme aimed

at helping disadvantaged

young people find a first job

The defence budget is

spared the draconian cuts of

last year, when its budget was

boost the financial position of

banks and cut competition in the local market," said Mansur

Al Zakwani, banking chief at the Omani Chamber of Com-

merce and Industry. "This will

also enable banks to face fore-

Mr. Askalan, whose bank is

ign competition.'

trimmed by \$12 billion.

a result of foreign competition,

UAE '94 budget totals \$4.79 billion

ited Arab Emirates (UAE) cabinet Monday approved a 1994 budget that would cut spending by one per cent and slightly reduced the federal deficit, the official Emirates news agency WAM reported.

It said 1994 spending hy the UAE federal government was budgeted at 17.61 billion dirhams (\$4.97 billion) down from 17.63 billion dirhams (\$4.8 billion) in 1993. WAM said the cabiner

approved revenues of 16.2 billion dirhams (\$4.4 billion) up slightly from 15.9 billion dirhams (\$4.3 billion) in 1993.

The 1994 deficit dropped by 322.6 million dirhams (\$87.9 million) to 1.4 billion dirhams

(\$381.5 million) from 1.7 billion dirhams (\$463.3 million) in 1993.

WAM said the Federal National Council (FNC) will discuss the budget Tuesday before it is presented to the Supreme National Council of the rulers of the UAE's seven emi-

WAM said the FNC. an appointed consultative council. will receive 15 million dirhams (\$4 million) and the Emirates University budget will be 533 million dirhams (\$145 million). Other technical and training institutes will receive about 149 million dirhams (\$40 million).

The UAE last year set up its first Federal Environmental Agency which has a 1994 budget of five million dirhams (\$1.4 million).

UAE minister of finance and industry Ahmad Humaid Al Tayer said last month that the UAE was recalculating proposed expenditure because of low oil prices in 1993, when the Arab Gulf oil exporter had based its budget on a barrel of oil costing \$16.

Sheikh Tayer said the UAE bases its budget on how much the UAE's main oil producing emirates. Abu Dhabi and Dubai, earn from crude exports. He did not give a specific price per barrel on which the 1994 budget was based.

There has been no significant change in federal spending for several years in the seven-state UAE because of the reluctance of wealthier members Abu Dhabi and Dubai to increase contributions at a time when the poorer UAE emirates continue to pay

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nothing towards federal costs. The mioistry has urged federal ministries to hold down their spending estimates for the year which started on Jan. I because of low oil prices. The budget will be backdated to the

beginning of the year. Abu Dhabi, which produces most of the UAE's 2.161 million barrels per day of crude, is believed to contribute about 80 per cent of the budget and the rest is provided by Dubai and income from indirect taxes and

OECD urges Sweden to slash public outlays, cut 'welfare state' costs But a rebound in export-

PARIS (AFP) - Sweden is headed for a modest export-led recovery from its worst recession since the 1930s but must act urgently to curb balooning public deficits and jobless rates and reform its costly "cradleto-crave" welfare system, the OECD said Monday.

With public spending running at over 70 per cent of GDP and snowballing public debt boosting structural deficits, the onus must be on cutting outlays. And Sweden's extensive welfare system "can not escape fundamental reform," it said.

The limits of sound financing of welfare spending have been surpassed and "the country cannot simply continue as if nothing has happened." The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said in its latest sur-

vey of the Swedish economy. The survey set unemployment, taking in people benefitting from labour market schemes, at an "unacceptable high" rate of 13 per cent and put the 1993 general government deficit at a towering 14 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP).

The combination of these two factors left no easy choices, the report said. A "delicate balance" must be

struck between financial restraint and support for demand, and between budgetary stringency and monetary easing. But two issues must be tack-

led with "a great sense of urgency" --- making timely inroads into high unemployment "before it becomes entrenched" and reining in government speoding "before the rapidly rising public debt gets out of hand.

The OECD traced the crisis to "misguided policies in the 1980s, when financial der gulation preceed a long overdue tax reform, creating a "bubble economy" effect.

Since monetary policy was geared to exchange-rate party, no room was left for interest rates hikes to combat overheating caused by loan-financed consumption and speculative investment.

When recession began in 1991, moving the budget from surplus into growing deficit, the krona came under pressure and had to be floated by November 1992. The report

Market-share gains from a 23 per cent drop in the krona's value since then, and a gradual upturn in key European export markets should now enable the economy to pull out of the doldrums.

oriented sectors may be accompanied by continued weak domestic demand, with fiscal tightening restraining real income growth and the poor jobs outlook and debt consolidation damping household spending this year.
The OECD foresaw a slow

upturn starting with 1994 growth of 1.5 per cent and a 1995 pick-up at 2.2 per cent. both in 1991 and 1992 and by another 2.7 per cent last year.

But it said officially recorded unemployment, sharply up from two per cent of the labour force in 1990 to about eight per cent last year, could rise further to nearly oine per cent before beginning to fall slowly. A few bright spots in the

picture included progress in curbing inflation and a likely rise to the current account from rough balance in 1993 to

surplus of 2.7 per cent of GDP by end-1995.

Progress in cutting the budget deficit might be slow despite plans to elimitate the structural deficit over five years through spending cuts totalling 80 billion kronor (nearly \$10 billion), the OECD said, arguing the ase for immediate cuts to strengthen

policy credibility.
It also endorsed the central bank's two per cent inflation target and its caution in teducing short-term interest rates.

Structural policies would be important for restoring economic stability, the OECD said. urging steps to shake up labour markets and remove obstacles to wage flexibility.

Preventing high unemployment from becoming persistent. was "an important end in itself" but also a means of budget deficit-reduction

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8, 1994 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day when you will have kept promises made associates. Take no risks with your well established reputation.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) A fine day to get busy making improvements to surroundings. getting car cleaned and in good running order, clothing cleaned,

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Take the time this morning to visit barber or beauty shop so that you are at your best meeting others for any creative express-

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Thoughts of home and family should be uppermost in your mind now, though you may find it necessary to be in the world of

business for your success. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Don't waste a moment of this fine day's aspects in making and keeping business appointments, getting shopping done, buying, selling also.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You must make a good impression upon higher-ups and kin where the handling of financers is concerned now, no matter what you position or profession in life may

VIRGO: (August 22 to Seplember 22) Take the health and beauty treatments you like so that you are at your best and can then keep those important appointments which are special to

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Since you want things to be in order and fine condition, this is a good day to absent yourself from the social whirl and carrie on carnestly with tasks in

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be sure you listen attentively to the suggestions now being given you by a well-informed acquaintance, since they will bring you: personal and business goals closer by following

them quickly. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) If you are most conscientious in handling any civic or business affairs, you can now increase prestige appreciably.

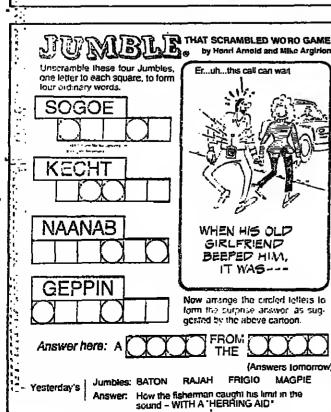
CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Search through your paper and every other available source for the information you require that will help you to start an upswing in all of your affairs.

AQUARTUS: (January 21 to February 19) Look for more efficient systems of operating and keeping books so that you make a greater profit and have item and detail of taxes, insurance.

accounts at your fingertips. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Your partners have the planetary force on their side today, so be sure you ally yourself with them fully in order to gain

The Better Half. By Glasbergen "\\hen the marriage counselor told us

to play together more she meant golf or bowling...not Barbies!"



the Bank of Muscat with Al Ahli Bank and the Oman

ABU DHABI (AFP) - Two told AFP by telephone from Commercial Bank with the banking sector as they will Omani Al Masraf institutions. All of them merged to ensure their capital meet central bank requirements and to raise their adequacy in line with guidellines by the Bank for International Settlement (BIS).

ernment policy to cut the num-ber of banks and strengthen the banking sector," he Central bank incentives for merging banks include a de-posit of 10 million riyals (\$26 Oman had 11 national banks million) for 10 years with an interest rate of three per cent and 12 foreign units before mergers were launched and the central bank issued instrucand exemption of taxes on tions for raising their capital to at least 10 million Omani riyals (\$26 million). The first mergers involved profits for five years.

Officials have said they wanted to halve the number of

banks on the grounds the local market is relatively small. "Mergers will strengthen the

owned by the Jordanian Arab Bank and the Omani Interna-tional Company for Development and Investment, said merging with OEB could give birth to a bank with a capital of 20 million riyals (\$52 million) as the two have a capital of \$26 million each.

"We do not want to talk

about the situation now as we inspection of their balance have not yet entered into details, but we might raise the capital later," he said. Other Gulf states are urging

meir banks to merge or raise Meir capital to strenghten their financial position and meet the eight per cent level set by BIS as a floor for capital adequacy, the ratio between shareholders equity and assets. The BIS move, which took effect in January, is intended to ensure banks worldwide have enough funds to face a financial crisis.

Most of them ' ave reported positive results of their mcasures, which included stronger intervention in banks, regular adequacy of the country's 47 banks had exceeded 10 per The banking measures in Oman run parallel with large-

sheets and incentives to merg-.

Emirates, officials said the

units, in the United Arat

scale reforms to revive the economy and lessen reliance on unstable oil earnings. The reforms include privatisations, freeing interest rates

on loans, new incentives to investors, opening up the stock market, and upgrading the infrastructure to attract foreign capital.

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DUBAI (R) - Qatar's new airline, Qatar Airways, has no plans to buy planes in the near future and would only lease passenger aircraft for now, the company's chief executive was quoted as saying. The Qatari News Agency quoted Sheikh Hamad Bin Ali Bin Jabr Al Thani as saying the airline, which started its first flights to the United Arab Emirates on Jan. 20, has leased two passenger planes, one from Kuwait Airways and the other from Airbus. "He (Sheikh Hamad) said there is no intention to buy new planes for the time being, but only to lease them from other companies." the agency said. "There are other planes thar will join Qatar Airways in March," it added. Qatar along with the governments of Bahrain, Abu Dhabi and Oman jointly own the regional airline Gulf Air. But over the past year both Qatar and Oman have launched separate airlines. Sheikh Hamad said Qatar Airways plans to start services soon to other Arab and international destinations.

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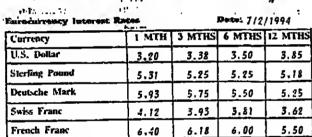
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Deutsche Mark	0.3999	0.4019	
Swiss Franc	0.4788	0.4812	
French Franc	0.1180	0.1186	
Japanese Yen	0.6466	0.6498	
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Swedish Krona	*****		
Italian Lira	0.0415	0.0417	
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Lebanese Lira*	0.040750	0.041785		
Saudi Riyal	0.1877	0.1885		
Kuwaiti Dinar	2.3400	2.3600		
Qatari Riyal	0.1914	0.1923		
Egyptian Pound	n. 2050	0.2200		
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UAE Dirham	0.1914	0.1923		
Greek Drachma	0.2735	0.3185		
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Deutsche Mark	1.7610	1.7612
Swiss Franc	1.4725	1,4712
French Franc	5.9610	5.9622
Japanese Yen	109.25	108.90
European Current Unit	1.1060	1.1070**

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'Waiting mode' slows down trading at AFM

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Trading at the Amman Financial Market (AFM) has thinned down since the beginning of this week, with the weekly volume not expected to exceed JD 12 million compared with the JD 20 million registered last week, dealers said Monday.

"Investors are in a waiting mode," said a dealer. "The focus on commercial banks' stocks remains, but many who bought such shares are now awaiting an announcement of Israeli approval of Jordanian banks' licences to reopen in the

Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) Governor Mohammad Saed Al Nabulsi said three weeks ago that the bank had issued "preliminary licenses" to five banks to reopen seven branches in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The "preliminary licences" have to be followed up with approval from the Bank of Israel, a process that is being followed up now, in line with the Dec. 1 agreement between Jordan and Israel.

Investors will unload their holdings of the shares of those banks poised to reopen in the West Bank as soon as the

Israeli approval is granted." said the dealer.

In the meantime, the focus shifted last week to industrial stocks, which accounted for 46 per cent of the JD 20 million trading followed by commercial banks with 35 per cent.

Commercial bank shares had accounted for 55 per cent of the JD 21.3 million volume in the previous week.

In the meantime, fresh stock of the Islamie Investment House were allowed to be traded in the market this week. Dealers said more than half a million of the new shares

changed hands in the past two

days, with heavy profittaking. The base price for the fresh stock as allowed by the concerned authorities was JD 3, and the market price was between JD 4.25 and JD 4.5.

dealers said.

Old shares of the Islamic Investment House fetched up to JD 4.7 in view of the upcoming distribution of dividend, they said.

In general, however, prices remained static so far this week. "There has been no major rise or decline of any share except the profittaking on the Islamic Investment House," said the dealer. "But then that was expected after the zeroing in on industrial stock that we saw last week."

Investor interest in industrial stock last week was attributed to the dearth of commercial bank shares in the offing and signs that some of the industrial firms listed in the market had already announced or are poised to announce plans to expand in the occupied term-

tories. The signing of an economic agreement between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) on Jan. 7 and the lifting of certain curbs on commercial bank credits

have boosted investor confidence in the Jordanian economy and that is reflected in the stock market, economists

There has been a consistent interest on the part of investors on commercial banks in general since the beginning of the

Commercial bank shares accounted for more than 40 per cent of trading in the weeks that followed the signing of the Jordan-PLO accord, which, among other things, eleared the way for reopening the branches of Jordanian banks in the occupied territories.

Egypt to float cement company shares this month

government plans to float shares in at least two cement companies this month in the next stage of its slow privatisa-

tion programme. The chairman of a state holding company said it would offer the public some shares in Helwan Portland Cement Co.

and Egyptian Tora Portland Cement Co., each of which made a profit of about 28 million pounds (\$8 million) in the financial year 1992/3.

the price will be fixed within a week," said Adel Abdul

Karım, chairman of the hold-"A percentage of the shares will be pur on the market later ing company for Mining and this month ... the amount and

A Cairo newspaper quoted

Public Sector Minister Atef Obeid as saying shares in four cement companies would be floated on the stock exchange from this week.



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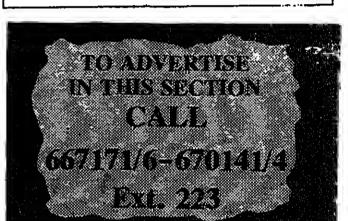
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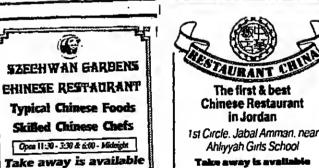




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N. Korea sanctions 'inevitable'

thetions against North Korea for refusing nuclear inspections appear inevitable despite a new promise by its leader not to develop atomic bombs. South Korean officials said Monday.

South Korean Foreign Minister Han Sung-Joo said U.N. sanctions against the Communist North appeared unavoidable if no progress is made in the nuclear issue within two weeks.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) director-general is expected to declare safeguards broken in North Korea if no breakthrough is made by... Feb. 21." Mr. Han told a meeting with opposition legislators.

"In such a case, it is inevitable that North Korea's nuclear issue would be referred to the U.N. Security Council," he

The International Atomic Energy Agency is a U.N. agency monitoring the spread of nuclear weapons.

North Korea says its nuclear programme is peaceful but its refusal to accept mandatory internanonal inspections has deepened suspicions that it might be developing nuclear weapons.

In a verbal message sent 10 President Bill Clinton through U.S. Evangelist Billy Graham last week, North Korean President Kim Il Sung promised arrew that his country would not develop nuclear weapons

and hoped for improved ties with Washington, Seoul officials said.

Rev. Graham stopped over in Hong Kong on his way home from the North Korean trip and said he had an aide take Mr. Kim's message to Mr. Clinton ahead of him.

A copy of Mr. Graham's report was sent to the Seoul government by the White

"In the message. President Kim noted that he has promised many times in the past not to develop nuclear weapons and hoped to improve relations with the United States." said Chang Jae-Ryong, directorgeneral of the Foreign Ministry's American Affairs Divi-

Rev. Graham also said in the report that the 81-year-old Kim looked healthy and gave the impression that he personally handled nuclear and other major state affairs. Kim Jong II, the president's 51year-old son, is being groomed o succeed his father.

Meanwhile, North Korean official newspaper said Monday Pyongyang will not negotiate with the United States to end row over its suspected nuclear programme so long as Washington failed to honour

The United States has totally reversed its promise (to North Korea) that it would seek only an inspection for the continuity of safeguards." said a commentary in the Rodong Sinmun, the organ of North Korea's ruling party.

The article, entitled "we have no intention to negotiate with (a) faithless partner", said the United States had "even raised the demand for a 'special inspection' of two military sites which have nothing to do with nuclear activities.

We will not entreat the United States to keep its faith. It is our will to answer faith with faith, and strong arm with a tough stance." said the article, carried by the state-run (North) Korean Central News Agency and seen in Tokyo. Lasi week. North Korea

threatened to tear up its "goodwill commitments" with the United States over Washington demands to open all suspected nuclear sites to international inspection.

At the heart of the dispute is the question of two sites. North Korea insists it has no nuclear weapons programme and has refused to open the sites to inspection by the

In a sign of rising tensions on the Korean peninsula, the United States has decided to deploy Patriot missiles in South Korea from March or April a siep South Korean elder statesmen Kim Dae-Jung described Monday as unhelpful. "I don't think it is helpful for

the nuclear negotiations," the relired pro-democracy campaigner said in Hong Kong. Patriot missiles are designed to intercept the type of missiles

tional community," he said.
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Prime Minister Carl Bildt said,

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However, political analysts say it was Mr. Ahtisaari's focus

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Mr. Ahtisaari, a heavily-

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week.

In Washington, the Defence Department has told some reservists to prepare for possible joint military exercises with South Korea that North Ko-

rean leaders have portrayed as

a symbol of planning for war.

The Post. in a dispatch from Vienna said orders to ship out more than a thousand U.S. troops and reservists to South Korea were being prepared for Feb. 22. The exercise is known as Team Spirit.

In Seoul. a defector from North Korea said Monday he had fled the country because food shortages had forced him and his family to eat animal

Chung Ki-Hae, 52, told a government-organised press conference that even the corn and soybeans mixed with animal fodder provided in rations early last year had run out.

Beginning last May even these ceased to be provided as rations and our family had to live on potatoes alone." he

Mr. Chung told how he had fled over the Chinese border on Dec. 30 but declined to say how he had reached the South Korean port of Pusan.

Reports of food shortages in North Korea have been rife but unsubstantiated in the three years since China started asking hard currency for its exports and the collapse of the Soviet Union, formerly a main trading partner.

in April. Sources close to the Alliance

pants would officially confirm The negotiations had reces-sed Thursday following an ANC anuonncement that it

would unveil a package of compromises bowing to certain Alliance demands only if the conservative group agreed to be more "flexible An ANC spokesman said

Alliance's court, while a spokesman for the rival, Zulu-

demand for a single ballot the national and regional assembles in the April 26-28 election. Other reports said the pack-

ANTANANARIVO (R) — At least 43 people were killed and dozens more seriously injured when the "cyclone of the century" swept over the Indian Ocean island of Madagascar

"Geralda", which raced across the Indian Ocean, first hit Madagascar last Wednes-

day. It sank seven ships and destroyed 95 per cent of the main commercial port of Toasmasina on the east coast, offi-

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Authorities say the full extent of the damage is still not known.

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Whoopi Goldberg named to host Oscar ceremony

HOLLYWOOD (R) - Oscarwinning actress and comedian Whoopi Goldberg was named Sunday to host this year's Academy Awards ceremony Goldberg, the first woman and first black performer to serve as a solo host of the show, replaces Billy Crystal, who last month said he would not return after filling the role for four straight years. "I'm thrilled about my date with Oscar," Goldberg said in a statement. To go from watching to winning to hosting in one lifetime is major." The Academy Awards will be handed out March 21 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles and will be televised live to hundreds of millions of viewers worldwide. "Whoopi Goldberg has all the qualities of a great Oscar host," the show's producer Gilbert Cates said. "She is a major movie star with millions of fans and she is also one of the funniest. most taleuted performers working today." Goldberg re-cently went to bat for her then-companion, actor Ted Danson when Danson was criticised for blacking his face and telling a series of bawdy, and what some considered racist and sexist jokes, at a charity luncheon for Goldberg. She later defended his rontine. saying she had written some of the material and that she found it funny. With Crystal's abrupt announcement he would not return as host, Cates was faced with the task of finding a replacement quickly. Along with Goldberg, a number of others had been rumoured as possible snecessors, including Robin Williams, Tom Hanks, Eddie Murphy, Chevy Chase and Johnny Carson, Goldberg, wbo won an Oscar for best supporting actress in 1991 for her role in Ghost, has cohosted comic relief - a televised charity benefit for the homelss — in recent years.

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Trial to hear claim Jackson swiped song

DENVER (AP) - Michael Jackson isn't expected when a trial begins to hear a Colorado songwriter's claim that the pop superstar pirated the hit song Dangerous. Jackson's publicist Lee Solters said Denver was "not on his schedule." His lawyer will be there, along with Crystal Cartier, who says she years ago. "He augmented the lyrics, he took the chorus, the hook, from my song — and that's loot," Cartier said. "I don't mind sharing credit, but I got bumped completely out of the picture." Jackson and his lawyer have refused to comment on the case. The U.S. District Court trial will decide Ms. Cartier's copyright infringement claim. If she prevails, there will be a second trial to determine damages. Ms. Cartier plans to seek at least \$40 million. Last month, a Los Angeles jury ruled Jackson didn't steal the songs Thriller, The Girl Is Mine and We Are the World from two former childhood neighbours in Indiana. Later, Jackson settled a lawsuit alleging he molested a teenage boy. Ms. Cartier said she wrote Dangerous in 1985 and her band, Love Story, has been playing it ever since. On July 29, 1991, she copyrighted her recorded album, Love Story: Act One, which contained Dangerous, she said. She said Jackson obtained a copyright for his version of Dangerous on Feb. 24, 1992. Cartier's album sold about

Most Americans oppose gay marriages -- poll

1,000 copies in the Denver

area. Jackson's Dangerous

album has sold upwards of 14

million copies.

NEW YORK (R) — The majority of Americans oppose legally sanctioned adoption rights and marriages for homosexuals despite stated support for gay job and hous-ing rights that remains above 70 per cent, according to new Newsweek magazine poll. The survey, which appears in the magazine going on sale Mon-day, found that 29 per cent of those polled say gay couples should have adoption rights. while nearly two thirds (65 per cent) disagree. Sixty-two per cent of Americans do not believe there should be legally sanctioned gay marriages, as compared to 58 per cent in a stmilar September 1992 poll by the magazine. According to the survey, 74 per cent of all Americans favour protecting gays from job discrimination and 81 per cent favour equal housing rights for gays.



A tiny book entitled Three Hundred Poems From The Tang Dynasty is displayed in the Taiwanese capital, Taipei. The 75-page book took two years to make and

measures 0.9 centimetres long, 0.9 centimetres wide and 0.8 centimetres high. It is part of a 50-piece exhibit of miniatures which will open or Feb. 18 in Taipei (AFP photo)

government-ANC rejection

would have "adverse implica-

On Monday, President F.W. De Klerk accused the ANC of

"deliberately" sidelining the IFP and its leader, Chief Man-

gosuthu Buthelezi, saying this

continued to be major cause

behind the violence in South

Speaking to a group of

businessmen here, he also

appealed for their support in

order to have a "balance of

power" in the national unity

government to emerge from

the April election.

The ANC, meanwhile, announced Monday that its president, Nelson Mandela,

would hold talks with

Bophuthatswana's President

Lucas Mangope, but that the

On Sunday, Mandela's con-

voy drove through

Bophuthatswana police lines

while on an election campaign.

with Mr. Mandela saying the

homeland leader's refusal to

allow free political activity was

among "the things that make

us detest (Mangope) from the

But, Mr. Mandela added,

"despite all the unspeakable

crimes Mangope has commit-

ted, we are prepared to sit

down with him and find a

solution... if Mangope wants to

bottom of our heart.'

date was not yet known.

Right wing holds secret meeting aheads of planned government, ANC talks tion and warned that a The Freedom Alliance.

which comprises the IFP, the

white right-wing Afrikauer Volksfront (AVF) and the gov-ernment of the Bophuthats-

wana black homeland.

opposed ANC claims that

separate ballot papers would

result in confusion and spoiled

The alliance said a single

voting slip would he an advan-

tage to larger parties and

penalise smaller political

An IFP official told AFP

Monday that the ANC's offer

to unveil its compromise package in return for "flexibility"

was "a fortnne cookie

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She also said an ANC com-

Both government and

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An Alliance spokesman said

there "a news blackout" on the

met Sunday in Ulundi and de-

cided that IFP negotiators

resumption of the talks.

promise on the single-double ballot issue had "no constitu-

open," she said,

"You cannot find out what is

JOHANNESBURG (Agencies) - The conservative Freedom Alliance was locked in top secret talks Monday ahead of a planned meeting with the gov-ernment and the African National Congress (ANC) on whether it will take part in the country's first all-race elections

said the tripartite talks would begin Monday evening in Pretoria, but none of the partici-

the ball was now in the

federal powers for the country's nine new provinces.

His success was all the more remarkable after right-wing out to support Anne-Marie Pierre-Bloch, wife of the in-

ing from voter disenchantment tuency of Blois, the ontcome was more a demonstration of with old-style covert politics that dominated the country He said voters had recognised him as independentminded and has vowed to travel widely round the vast

French **Socialists** start

recovery

PARIS (AFP) — France's opposition Socialist Party made the beginnings of a recovery, winning two out of three by-elections against candidates of the right and scoring a closely-fought victory in a Paris constituency. Socialist leader Michel

Rocard called the results in Sunday's polls a sign of the party's "recovery" after its defeat in legislative elections in March 1993. The three byelections were called after France's Constitutional Council annulled last March's results for campaign overspending, making the winners ineligible

In spite of high abstention rates, the Socialist candidate in Paris, Daniel Vaillant, the party's national secretary, scored a convincing victory with 53.6 per cent of the vote, winning the seat back from the centreright Union for French Democracy (UDF) in a working class

leaders, including Gaullist Rally For the Republic (RPR) leader Jacques Chirac, turned validated UDF-MP. In the Loire Valley consti-

the continuing popularity of the city's mayor, former Socialist Culture Minister Jack

tional value in terms of powers based Inkatha Freedom Party (for the regions) — it only has democratic value." (IFP), a top member of the Freedom Alliance, said it was up to the ANC to decide Alliance spokesmen remained

whether or not it intended to unveil its package.

The ANC said last week that

it had backed down on its er to choose members of tions conservative group's meeting. and that things were "at a very delicate stage."
The IFP Central Committee

age also included greater

would stick to their demands for a stronger federal constitu-43 in Madagascar Cyclone kills

last week, the Interior Minister

said Monday. Charles Clement Severin told reporters a further 500,000 people were made homeless by "Geralda" which destroyed up to 70 per cent of the impoverished island's rice fields, uprooted trees and destroyed flimsy shelters.

The cyclone, accompanied

sed 50 kilometres north of the hill capital Antananarivo, the Meteorological Office said. Rivers burst their banks, causing widespread flooding and destroying harvests of the is-land's dirt-poor farmers.

The cyclone has disrupted communication links between Anatanarivo and other parts of the country and reports from the remote south-east and south of the island have not yet reached the capital. The Madagascar Meteoro-

logical Office said the cyclone gusted at speeds of between 150 km per hour (94 miles) to 300 km (187 miles) per hour

Joseph Cotten, Hollywood's southern gentleman, dies but sparsely-populated country to stay in touch with the peo-LOS ANGELES (R) Welles invited Conen to join Cotten suffered a stroke in 1981 and only after years of Joseph Cotten, the courtly his theatre troupe, which betact because I sense that some-

southern gentleman who gained stardom in the 1941 classic Citizen Kane and went on to become one of the most popular leading men of his era. died Sunday. He was 88. Cotten died of pneumonia at

his home in the Westwood section of Los Angeles with his wife, actress Patricia Medina, at his bedside, his publicist said. Cotten had been ill for several

in the rough-and-tumble acting that was Hollywood in the 1940s there were tough guys. romantic heroes. aristocrais and rogues, but Cotten was considered a gentleman to

The adjectives used to describe Conten, a Virginian whose grandfather was a Confederate general in the civil war, were applied as well to his characters: Suave, urbane, modest, intelligent, low-key.

Tall and square-jawed with a resonant voice. he played his first film role - and perhaps his most memorable — in Citizen Kane, considered among the greatest American

He portrayed Jedidiah Leland, the childhood friend to his own friend, legendary actor and director Orson Welles.

the title character, played by Through the 1940s and early 1950s. Cotten appeared opposite some of Hollywood's top leading ladies, including



an old pal in posi-war Vienna.

acclaim in such movies as The Magnificent Ambersons (1942), also by Welles, Alfred Hitchcock's Shadow Of A Doubt (1943). I'll Be Seeing You (1945). Love Letters (1945) and The Farmer's Daughter (1947).

career, cotten was reduced to B-movie roles in such films as (1965) with Davis, Soylent Green (1973) and Airport '77 (1977), but he still managed to give them a touch of class.

speech therapy was he able to regain his voice. But his acting career was over. In 1989 his voice box was removed in a treatment for cancer and, unable to speak, he took up

avoided pretence. "Movies and theatre aren't life," he once told an inter-

viewer. "They're only part of it. We make a living out of acting and pray we don't get associated with 100 much junk.

burg, Virginia, May 15, 1905. His mother's family owned two plantations, but Cotten attended public schools and delivered packages by bicycle.

He sold advertising for the Miami Herald, wrote drama reviews and performed with theatre groups, where he met Lenore Kipp Lamont, a divorcee who convinced him to take his talent back to New York. They were wed in 1931.

In 1936, while playing the policeman in James M. Cain's The Postman Always Rings Twice at the Lyceum Theatre. Cotten met Orson Welles, while performing in a serious radio show, the pair launched aloud at a colleague's gaffe, They were fired together, which formed the basis of their came the Mercury Theatre Co. Cotten performed in many of Welles's plays and radio programmes, including the famous 1938 War Of The Worlds, before joining Katharine Hepburn onstage in the Philadelphia Story, playing the

well-bred C.K. Dexter Haven.

The film role went to Cary Grant, but Welles was waiting with Citizen Kane, Cotten played the theatre critic who was friend and conscience 10 newspaper baron Charles Foster Kane. "I'd never made a movie

before and I was scared to death of the machinery, the technical things. Cotten recalled. "But Orson made it easy... He turned out to be an instinctive master of the camera. After courting Merie Ober-

on in the 1941 British production of Lydia, Cotten returned to work with Welles on The Magnificent Ambersons, the tale of a declining aristocratic family and one of Cotten's best movies.

Cotten joined Welles in writing and starring in Journey Into Fear before he signed a contract in 1942 with producer David O. Selznick, who east him in Shadow Of A Doubt as a sly slayer of wealthy widows.

played a Scotland Yard detective opposite Ingrid Bergman. who won an Oscar,

Zealander tries to attack Charles AUCKLAND (R) - A 58year-old man muttering that he wanted to "remove the stink of royalty" was wrestled to the ground in New Zealand Monday after charging at Britain's

New

on royalty visiting New Zea-land, rushed towards the heir to the British throne as he walked among crowds of wellwishers on Auckland water-Prince Charles was nurmed in the attack, which

Prince Charles spraying a can

Castislav Bracanov, pre-

viously jailed for minor attacks

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was foiled when several police officers leapt on the balding Bracanov, a Yugoslav settled in New Zealand, and took him away under arrest.

Showing the same sangfroid that earned him praise when he was attacked 10 days ago in Australia, Prince Charles hardly appeared to uotice the incideht, which lasted just a few seconds.
"He was completely un-

bothered. His only comment was an ironic one: 'whatever next?" his Private Secretary Richard Aylard told reporters. Governor-General Dame Cath Tizard, the queen's representative in New Zealand, told Reuters that Prince Charles had barely noticed the

incident and was not bothered

by it. "He just said, 'what was that all about?"," Dame Cath said. Police said the aerosol sprayed by Mr. Bracanov as he ran to within three metres of Prince Charles contained air freshener.

Photographer Paul Estcourt heard Mr. Bracanov shouting: "You're always spraying shit anyway." Another witness, photographer Ross Land, said he heard Mr. Bracanov saying he wanted to "remove the stink of royalty. Mr. Bracanov was convicted

in 1988 and 1990 of charges

relating to incidents in which

he dumped horse manure in the path of cars carrying Spanish and British monarch He was also convicted of damaging a rare vintage Rolls Royce car in Auckland two years ago because of its con-

nection to British royalty. Mr. Bracanov is a wellknown voice on New Zealand talk radio shows, where be frequently airs radical antimonarchy views. His lawyer. Colin Amery, said Mr. Bracanov "has a basic view that beredity should not automati-

cally grant people high office." Police said he would appear in court Tuesday in Auckland charged with disorderly conduct. The maximum penalty is

a small fine. Prince Charles, besieged in the past year during a highlypublicised separation from his wife, Princess Diana, was praised for his reaction to a more violent event in Sydney on Jan. 26, when a young student charged at him firing a starter's gun.

New Finnish president stresses need for unity reforms continue and that they are supported by the interna-

HELSINKI (R) — Finland's President-Elect Martti Ahtisaari has pledged to be a unifying force in a country mired in recession and facing tough foreign policy choices.

Mr. Ahtisaari, a veteran United Nations diplomat with little experience of domestic politics, is expected to continue neutral Finland's moves towards closer ties with the West since the collapse of the Soviet

Mr. Ahtisaari, 56, of the opposition Social Democrats, beat Defence Minister Elisabeth Rehn of the Swedish People's Party Sunday in Fin-land's first presidential election by direct popular vote, he won 53.9 per cent of the vote against Ms. Rehn's 46.1 per

He is a firm supporter of the

"The incoming president will have difficult tasks both in economic and foreign policy. It is important that the nation is not split," Mr. Ahtisaari said after Ms. Rehn conceded de-

"I will try to see to it that I am perceived as a president for the whole country," he said. Despite Mr. Ahtisaari's

including maintaining good relations with Moscow. Russia, with which Finland shares a 1.270 kilometres bor-

ticularly Russia, and I want to continue that," he told a post-

final stages of negotiating EU Even NATO membership has not been ruled out, though its policy remains one of inde-European Union next year. non-alignment. "I favour a pan-European security system containing all

campaign focus on the country's worst recession since independence from neighbouring Russia in 1917, his main task will be foreign policy,

Throughout his campaign Mr. Ahtisaari has said that der, must not be isolated in

post-cold war Europe.
"We have always in Finland wanted to maintain good relations with our neighbours, par-

election news conference.

the capacity to influence the events in this country," he has "It is important that we support a democratic process in Russia, it is important that Son of former president

wins Costa Rican election SAN JOSE (R) — The son of the founder of modern democratic Costa Rica won Sunday's presidential election. With more than 80 per cent

of the vote counted, Jose

Maria Figueres led ruling party candidate Miguel Angel Rodriguez by 49.7 per cent to 47.5 per ceut. "The soul of our campaign was the strength of the people, and with that we won the elections," Mr. Figueres de-

Mr. Rodriguez conceded defeat earlier in the evening. The two candidates were running neck and neck when early returns began coming in.

"The people have spokenand we have to accept their decision, so with joy and affection I have come to accept the decision of the people and wish Mr. Figueres success," Mr. Rodriguez said.

Mr. Figueres, 39, leader of

the National Liberation Party,

said social justice would be the

hallmark of his government.

Addressing thousands of

supporters at an outdoor rally. Mr. Figueres said his victory marked a rejection of "trickledown" economic policies of the government of the Social Christian Unity Party. "We are going to... put the country ou the road to progress

with social justice," he said. Mr. Figueres will succeed President Rafael Angel Calderon, who leaves office on May 8 after a four-year term. The constitution barred Mr.

Calderon from seeking a second term. Mr. Figueres is the son of late former President Jose "pepe" Figueres, the founder of modern democratic Costa

The younger Figueres, a for-

mer agriculture minister, vowed to give the government a greater role in the country's social development after more than a decade of free-market "I come to reaffirm that we

will govern for those who have

the least and need the most,

Joseph Cotten in the movie The Third Man

Marilyn Monroe, Ingrid Bergman and Bette Davis. One of his most heralded roles was in the 1949 film The Third Man, playing an American pulp novelist searching for

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Ewing leads Knicks past Magic

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the Los Angeles Lakers to a

107-90 victory over the Utah

Jordan, playing in his fifth

game, had only seen II mi-

NEW YORK (R) — Potrick Ewing had 32 points and Chatles Oakley added 13 points and 21 tebounds to spark the New York Knicks to a 95-77 victory over the Orlando Magie late Sunday.

The Knicks won for the seventh time in their last eight

Otlando, held to its fewest points this season, has lost three straight for the first time of the season. Shaquille O'Neal had 22 points for the Magic, but was hampered with five fouls over the last 4-1-2

In Washington, Chris Weh-ber scored 26 points and Gol-den State held Washington to a franchise-low seven points in the fourth-quarter to propel the Warriors to a 106-84 vic-tory over the Bulleis. Latrell Sprewell added 23

points for the Warriors and Billy Owens scored 20. Webber, Sprewell and Owens scored four points apiece in a 12-point run that extended Golden State's lead

to 102-83 with 2:15 left. In Los Angeles, Reggie Jornutes of action before helping the Lakers win for the 36th time in 43 games against the Jazz in Los Angeles. At New Jersey, David Robinson scored 36 points, including two free throws with

Jersey Nets. Willie Anderson added 18 points for the Spurs, who have won 18 of their last 21 games.

4.1 seconds left in overtime

that gave the San Antonio

Spurs their seventh straight

win, 104-102 over the New

Derriek Coleman had 28 points and 14 rebounds and Кеппу Anderson added 26 points and 12 assists for the Nets, who had their threegame winning streak snapped. In Denver, Laphonso Ellis

scored 21 points and Rodney Rogers had 12 of his 20 points during a second quarter run to lead the Denver Nuggets to a

99-89 triumph over the Dallas Mavericks in a game that was not as close as the final scote might indicate.

Denver led 25-20, early in the second quarter before embarking on an 18-8 run that was led by Rogers' 12 points.

In Houston, Hakeem Olajuwon scored 25 points, grabbed 17 rebounds and blocked eight shots to propel the Houston Rockets to a 101-90 victory over the Minnesota Timber-

Otis Thorpe added 19 points and also dominated on the boards with 17 rebounds as the Rockets won their third game without a defeat against the Timberwolves this season.

In Phoenix, Kevin Johnson returned from the chicken pox to score 22 points and Chicago's Sconie Pippen missed an 18-foot jumper at the buzzer to give the Phoenix Suns an 89-88 victory over the Bulls.

Pippen scored a game-high 26 points but missed everything on his desparation shot at the buzzer as Chicago had a four-game winning streak

Lillehammer plans solidarity day for besieged Bosnian capital

LILLEHAMMER (R) - Lillehammer plans a day of solidarity with the people of the besieged Bosnian capital fo Sarajevo Tuesday to mark the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Winter Olympics

there. Mayor Audun Tron, whose town hosts the 1994 games, will sign a special book for messages to Sarajevo and invite others to add their names to the peace appeal in the main square, Lillehammet Olympic aid spokeswoman Nita Kapoor said Monday.

The Lillehammer Olympic Aid Organisation is collecting money for Sarajevo to mark the 10th anniversary and also for young people in Guatemala, Eritrea, Lehanoo and Afghanistan.

On Saturday, 68 people were killed in a mortar attack on a Sarajevo market and nearly 200 were wounded in the worst single incident in

Bosnia's 22-month civil war. Kapoor said the solidarity day had been arranged Friday.

What happened at the weekend makes it all the more necessary," she said. "I think that such an appeal is very appropriate."

Organisers plan to light candles in the shape of the five interlocking Olympic rings and to keep them burning until Tuesday evening.
The book will be handed to

the mayor of Sarajevo when he arrives to attend the Lillehammer Games, which open Satur-

day.
"It will be very simple and a very symbolic act," Kapoor said of the solidarity day for Sarajevo.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has been trying, so far unsuccessfully, to arrange a truce in Bosnia for the duration of the Lillehammer Games.

The Sarajevo games began

Harding, Kerrigan to meet on the

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Lillehammer Olympic aid, which is backed by the games organisers and other Norwegian bodies, has already raised more than 40 million crowns (\$5.3 million). Of that, 27 million crowns (\$3.6 million) have already been spent on food, medicines and a hospital unit for Sarajevo.

The fund-raising campaign began at the Barcelona summer games in 1992 when Lillehammer was passed the Olym-

anion. actor le 7 Thais win Asian crown

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Thai Farmers Bank downed Omani Clnb of Oman 2-1 ided his rome Monday night to take the Asian Club Soccer Cham-

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The Thais scored the opening goal only three minutes into the match after Thawan Thamniyai rifled home a cross Irom Sasom Pohprasert.

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> In the 44th minute, the Omanis scored on a set play when Ebrahim Ali's corner

kick found Zahir Salim whose strong header to the far post eluded Thai goalkeeper Nipon Malanont.

With the Omanis taking the initiative in the second half, the Thais chose to foul their way out of trouble as they also did in the semifinal victory

against Yomiuri. Referee Ali Bujasim handed out five yellow cards.

In the consolation match, two first-half goals from young prospect Shingi Ono set Yomiuri on its way to a sorely needed victory. Yomiuri lost 3-1 in extra time to Thai Farmers Bank in Saturday's semi-

Yomiuri extended its lead in the second half with a goal in the 65th minute by Toshimi Kikuchi in a messy attack initiated by a long searching cross from Ono.

Gustafsson wins Dubai title to the net." In the second set, he broke

Chang was at break point in the Uth game, but I furlan

Furlan beats Chang in final of San Jose Open fought back to lead 6-5. In the

SAN JOSE, California (AP) - Renzo Furlan, his game becoming more daring as the match wore on, upset Michael Chang 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 Sunday night to win the San Jose Open, his first title on the tour. 'I'm in the sky right now,' said Furlan, the No. 6 seed

Furlan, ranked 69th in the world, knocked off the top seed after defeating the No. 2 seed Richey Reneberg on Saturday. He earned \$42,000 for the victory over the world's ninth-ranked player.

from Italy, "I can't believe I

"I was nervous at first, playing Michael Chang in a championship match and all," Futlan said. "Nothing was working. But I started feeling more comfortable in the second set and did a bettet job of coming

Chang three times. Furlan went up 2-0 in the final set before Chang broke in the third game.

wide. "It was a good week hut a frustrating day," said Chang, who earned \$24,150, "I found that I really need to work on my conditioning. I didn't expect to play hack-to-back three-hour matches." Chang of Henderson, Neva-

deciding game, Furlan was up 30-0 and 40-30. Chang rallied

to twice hold the advantage,

hut went no further. He com-

mitted an unforced error and

then double-faulted. Furlan

won when Chang's return went

thier only previous meeting. "He changed tactics after the first set." Chang said. "He started serving and volleying more, and it threw me off some. He picked my serve pretty well, too, and I didn't handle his well, even though his first serve often wasn't that

In the doubles final Sunday night, second-seeded Rick Leach and Jared Palmer upset top-seeded Bryon Black and Jonathan Stark, 4-6, 6-4.

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Boulmerka da, defeated Furlan last year in wins invitational

mile

FAIRFAX, Virgina (R) — Hassiba Boulmerka won ber second indoor mile in three days Sunday, when a rival misjudged the finish line at an

invitational athletics meeting. Algeria's Boulmerka, the Olympic 1500-metre champion, who had never competed indoors before winning het first race in New York Frie finished in 4 minutes, 28.64 seconds.

Suzy Hamilton of the United States led until the bell lap, but misjudged the finish and pulled up to finish third behind Boulmerka and Kathy Francy of the

"I felt really strong, and think if I hadn't done what I did, I would have had a different strategy, maybe gone a little easier until the halfway point, then turned it on at the end," Hamilton said. "When I saw people whiz hy me I said. Ob no, I can't believe what I just did."

Juliet Cuthhert used a strong start to beat Gwen Torrence of the U.S. in the women's 60 metres, finishing in 7.14

Olympic beptatblon champion Jackie Joyner-Kersee of the U.S. finished fourth in the 60 metres, saying she was more concerned with sharpening her sprinong speed for the heptathlon than winning.

COLORADO SPRINGS. Colo. (AP) — Tonya Harding vs. Nancy Kerrigan on the ice in Norway. If ir comes off, it will un-

doubtedly be one of the most dramatic confrontations in Olympic history. If it doesn't, the glamour event of the Winter Olympies will lose much of

Right now, it's still on, even though a U.S. Figure Skating Association panel called for a disciplinary hearing against Harding. The panel said Saturday that it found "reasonable erounds," to believe she was involved in the attack on Kerrigan at the oational championships in Detroit a month

Rather than boot Harding from the Olympic team, the association passed the decision on to the USOC along with a 'black book" containing nearly 400 pages of affidavits, court documents and other evidence gathered independently by the

Virtually all of that information is in the hands of prosecutors in Portland, Ore., who

have not charged Harding in a plot that has already brought a guilty plea hy ber ex-husband Jeff Gillooly and confessions by three other men.

Harding met for more than two hours Sunday with her lawyer hut neither had any comment on the meeting.

Claire Ferguson, president

of the USFSA, carefully followed the rules of the association in not suspending Harding prior to the disciplinary hearing. "I would prefer to have Tonya have her time with the

hearing panel, to follow through and to make sure she's had her chance to speak with the member panel," Ferguson said Sunday. Asked whether there were any conditions under which she

might suspend Harding before the Olympies, Ferguson re-"No, because I believe that

the Olympics has a different set of rules that can bandle this if they so choose. We are concerned with our world championships as well as the Olympics, which will be held in

Japan in the middle of March, and we must have our team there."

Bill Hyhl, chairman of the five-member USFSA panel and a former USOC president, acknowledged that the fear of a lawsuit hy Harding was a factor in the association's judgement to proceed conservatively.

The USOC is expectedd to convene its games administrative board within two weeks in Norway to determine Harding's status, and a decision to throw her off the team would be final - even if Harding refuses to testify at the bearing. In an interview Sunday with . *

CBS, USOC Executive Director Harvey Schiller said there were "issoes of conduct,sportsmanship and others to be considered."

Among those issues. Schiller said, was Harding's admission that she learned of the plot after Kerrigan was clubbed on the right knee and knocked out of the U.S. figure skating championships Jan. 6 but did not immediately report the information to police.

GOREN BRIDGE

NOT QUITE A STARRING LEAD

DUBAI (R) - Magnus Gustalsson of Sweden scored an upset victory over top seed Sergei Bruguera of Spain to win the \$1 million Dubai Openitensis tournament in straight. sets late Sunday.

swept aside the strangely outof-sorts Spaniard 6-4, 6-2 to pick up the \$144,000 winner's

And afterwards he revealed that his recent run of improved play could be the result of the transcendental meditation which he practices for 20 minutes, twice a day.

"I don't know if it is that," he said, "hut these days I am e case. The US certianly feeling full of energy and very relaxed. 's copyright a

Bruguera must have known it was not going to be his day after a lacklustre start which 53w him quickly fall 4-1 behind plans to scel in the opening set. Gustafsson, who has started

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when a player underleads an ace at the opening gun and it works, it is grist for the mills of bridge colum-uista. When it does not ...? On this hand from the 1992 World Team Olympiad, some of the game's best players wound up with egg on their faces.

A competitive auction led to con

1994 in excellent form winning in Auckland and reaching the quarterfinals of the Australian Open, executed an array of tremeodous forehands which Gustafsson, seeded four, period of four games have the French Open champion only one point. Although Bruguera te-

sponded after Gustafsson let faults and a few clumsy returns, the Sweden never lost the initiative. The second set continued in

much the same vein with Gutasfsson cutting loose to win four straight games after the opening four games were evenly shared. Bruguera had a chance to

come back in the sixth game hut frittered away two break points and instead of levelling at 3-3 he was trailing 2-4 and staring inevitable defeat in the

low diamond at trick one and a thor-

oughly surprised South won the first trick with the diamond king.

Declarer drew trumps with the

ace and queen, then ruffed the jack of diamonds. A low heart was led to

the king and ace, and the heart re-turn was won by the queen. Whether

East won or not when declarer fi-nessed the jack of clubs, the defend-

ers could score no more than one club trick to go with the one heart

trick already in the bank. Eventual-by East would be trapped in an end-play and forced to return a club or

yield a ruff-sluff.
Although Jeff Meckstroth and
Eric Rodwell of the U.S missed the
mark in the auction by not reachine
a makable five diamonds, their de-

fensive effort was a spectacular suc-cess. Against four spades Meckstroth led the ace of diamonds

and shifted to a beart. Rodwell rose with the ace and found the brilliant shift to a low club from the king into

the powerful bolding in dummy. Meckstroth ruffed to complete the

defensive book and Rodwell still had to score the king of clubs for a one-trick set.

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Matsuoka downed Xia Jai Ping 6-4, 6-0 and Yamamoto had a 6-4, 7-5 victory over Pan

own fans at Taichung, the

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overpowered the Malaysian 6-On Saturday, the Malaysian

regional qualifying contests.

JAPAN romped to a 5-0 vic-tory over China in Davis Cup action Sunday while Taiwan came from 2-1 down to win the final two singles and oust

Their team already sure of advancing to the first round of Asia-Oceania Zone group 1, Japan's Shuzo Matsuoka and Yasufumi Yamamoto won their best-of-three singles matches in straight sets at Beij-

Facing defeat before their

Taiwanese singles players Chih-Jung Chen and Yu-Hui Lien both gained straight-set victories to overturn Malaysia's lead in Asia-

Chen edged Adam Malik in a closely-fought first set tie break and then went on to win 7-6 (8-6), 6-2, 6-4. Lien started impressively against Ramachandran Ramaiah and

fair teamed up to beat the Taiwanese in doubles play. The matches were among 12

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Blood tests at games may not prove much to undergo more than two.

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LILLEHAMMER (R) -Blood tests to be introduced at the Winter Games may be of limited valoe, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) medical ebief has said.

Prince Alexandre de Merode said the tests, part of the campaign to combat the growing problem of doping in sport, would only be able to detect athletes who have takeo blood transfusions from a third

"They will not prove very much." he said after hrieflog the IOC's executive board on the tests. "I don't think anybody is doing that hut you never know. "If you don't test, you won't

find out. Anyway, this is a first De Merode said just under

200 tests would be carried out in Lillehammer where the games start Saturday and that no competitor would be asked

ated to the International Ski Federatioo (FIS) woold be tested, restricting the group to Alpine and Nordic skiers. The IOC had hoped to introduce tests which could detect the hormone drug crythropoietin, koown as EPO, gener-

blood cell count for kidney Some athletes are thought to use the hormone as a substitute for blood droping, a technique in which some blood is taken from an athlete's body and put hack just before competition to

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ygen to the muscles. Blood testing is being restricted to FIS athletes as the federation has already used them at nordic championships. The Classiest Of The Classiest" Turino Sweifiyeh. 816690 Tuesday 8/2/94 Special Selection Live Piano Romantic Yet Clarry"?

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Kuwait reopens air base destroyed in war

KUWAIT (AP) - Kuwait on Monday reopened the second of its two air hases after repairing extensive damages inflicted on it by Iraq, or moiers more than three years ago. Brigadier 'General Salves' weidan, commander of the air force, told the Associated Print the first phase of repairs on Ahmad Al Jaber base bas cost in government \$100 million. He would not say how much more bas needed to complete the job. The base, 75 kilometres west of Kuwait City, was 95 per cent destroyed during the Guit or. The emirate reopened its only other base, Ali Al Salem. Jan. 17 to mark the third anniversary of the U.S.-led coalieus's air campaign to free Kuwait from Iraqi troops. Gen. Sweidan said the air force also will keep a base it has been using at the international airport since liberation. Kuwait has earmarked \$12 billion to spend in the next decade on rebuilding and strengthening its small military which was devastated by the occupation and the Gulf war. But the plan bas yet to be sanctioned by parliament.

Israeii archaeologists find sunken treasure

TEL AVIV (R) — fsraeli archaeologists have found a sunken treasure of 2,000-year-old Greek coins off the coast of northern fsrael, the antiquities authority said on Monday. More than 4,000 silver coins bearing the likeness of the Greek Emperor Ptolemy VI were found. The authority said the coins, weighing a total of more than 40 kilogrammes, went down with one of the merchant ships that sailed the Eastern Mediterranean in the first and second centuries BC. The coins were minted around the year 145 BC. Yaacov Sharvit, who led the underwater archaeological learn, said he believes the coins were being transported from Egypt northwards, either to buy slaves or to pay soldiers' wages

Another \$35m for Jewish settlers

TEL AVIV (AFP) - The Israeli government has decided to pour another \$35 million into Jewish settlements on occupied territory to improve security, settlers' leaders announced Monday, Reserve army General Yossef Koller, security chief for the West Bank and Gaza Strip settlements where some 120,000 Israelis live, said the decision was taken because the communities were now "on the frontline." Among the improvements would be the setting up of "distress centres" to which all settler cars would be linked by a red alert button in event of attack.

Iraqi train hits bus; 27 die, driver survives

BAGHDAD (AFP) - A train slammed into a packed bus on a level crossing just south of here at the weekend, killing 27 passengers and injuring 10 others, the Defence Ministry daily reported Monday. The bus driver miraculously survived as his verhicle was sliced in two by the train which was heading for Baghdad from the southern city of Basra on Saturday night. The line between Basra and Baghdad was closed Sunday because of the accident, which happened 35 kilometres south of here, said the newspaper, Al Qaddisiyah. Several of the injured were in serious condition.

Rafsanjani opens artillery factory

TEHRAN (AFP) --- President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani opened an artillery factory in the Iranian capital on Monday, the official news agency IRNA reported. The factory builds 122-millimetre artillery guns, which have a range of 22 kilometres and can fire six or seven shells per minute, it said. Defence Minister Mohammad Forgrandeh and other military officials accompanied Mr. Rafsanjani during his visit.

Tunisian rights group chooses leaders

TUNIS (R) — A congress of Tunisia's Human Rights League (LTDH), one of the most active human rights groups in North Africa, chose a more moderate, government-backed leadership Monday. The congress decided with a narrow majority to abide by a 1992 law requiring it to open its membership to anyone who would like to join, though continue contesting it. The league's public campaign against human rights abuses in Tunisia in recent years brought it into conflict with the government which accused some of its leaders of using it for political goals. The new 25-member leadership includes 12 independents, a few representatives from the ruling and legal opposition parties and also two "progressive Islamists." The government is widely seen as having backed the winning list against the previous leadership which was dominated by ndependent, liberal and leftist figures and some prominent members of opposition parties.

Israel to show new missile in Singapore

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Israel will present a new version of the Popeye air-to-surface missile at the Asian Aerospace Exhibition in Singapore this month, officials at the state-run Israeli Aircraft Industries said Monday. The Popeye ff is a lighter, cheaper and smaller missile than the first model, which went into service with the Israeli and U.S. air forces nine years ago. The new weapon was successfully test fired from an F-I6C fighter in December, the officials said. It costs \$300,000 — \$150,000 less than the old Popeye, for which total sales reached \$200 million. Israel Aircraft Industries and the U.S. firm Martin Marietta manufacture the Popey jointly.

Chiid killed in landmine blast in Lebanon

TYRE, Lebanon (AFP) - A 10-year-old girl was killed and three other children wounded in a landmine explosion in South Lebanon on Monday, a spokesman for U.N. peacekeepers here said. Inaya Sultan was playing with her brothers and sisters at the time, in a field near her home in Sawwane, a village bordering on Israel's self-declared "security zone," east of the port of Tyre. One of her brothers, three-year-old Khalil, was seriously wounded. It was not immediately clear whether the landmine bad been left behind after Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon or placed there recently. Soldiers serving with the U.N. Interim Force for Lebanon (UNIFIL) are deployed in Sawwane.

Paraglider remanded for a week

LONDON (R) - An American who paraglided onto the roof of Queen Elizabeth's Buckingham Palace in a bizarre stunt which raised fresh concerns about royal security was remanded be custody for a week on Monday, court officials said. James Miller, 30, who paraglided into the ring at a Las Vegas hotel complex during a world heavyweight boxing title fight last November, was arrested within minutes of stripping naked on the palace roof in freezing weather on Saturday. Mr. Miller, whose middle name was given as Fanman and his address as Nevada, stared ahead during the three-minute hearing in which he faced one public order offence and five aviation offences. Eyewitnesses said that after Mr. Miller landed he threw off all his clothes to reveal his naked body painted green below the waist, ran to the front of the palace and gave a clenched fist victory salute.

Man threatens to freeze Siberian city

MOSCOW (AP) - A man who threatened to blow up a Siberian city's heating plants and freeze its citizens was arrested after police decided his extortion attempt was a bluff. authorities said Monday. Last Friday, the man demanded \$500,000 in U.S. cash and 500 million rubles, worth an additional \$320,000 at current exchange rates, to leave the city of Yakutsk in peace. He claimed to represent a gang called Vozmezdie (revenge) and said bombs had been planted at vital facilities across the city of 200,000 people, including its central heating plants, amid sub-zero temperatures.

Vietnam hands over **12 MIA** remains

HANOI (AP) - Four days after the United States lifted a 19-year economic embargo against Vietnam, Hanoi on Monday turned over what are believed to be the remains of 12 Americans lost in the Viet-

U.S officials said that the ceremony at Hanoi's Noi Bai international airport had been planned weeks before the lifting of the embargo and that the timing was a coincidence. There have been similar ceremonies about every two months in the past.

Just the same, this one took on added significance since President Bill Clinton had made the lifting of the embargo contingent on Hanoi's cooperation and progress in the fullest possible accounting of Americans missing in action (MIA).

Veteran groups and families of those missing in action had strongly opposed the end of the embargo, saying the United States would lose its leverage in forcing Vietnam to cooperate in accounting for 2.238 American MIAs.

But the United States withheld some carrots, the biggest of which is the restoration of diplomatic ties, broken when communist North Vietnam took over the U.S.-backed south in April 1975.

The U.S. also did not immediately grant Hanoi most favoured nation trade status, which would lower tariffs on Vietnamese imports.

Vietnam is now pushing for diplomatic recognition. Just after President Clinton announced the end of the economic sanctions, Deputy Foreign Minsiter Le Mai called a news conference in Hanoi and pledged that Vietnam would continue cooperating in trying to resolve the cases of those Americans still unaccounted



Planning Minister Ziyad Faris (third from right) and German Ambassador Heinrich Reiners Monday sign agreements on German aid and loans to Jordan (AFP photo)

Germany to provide JD 33m in loans, aid

AMMAN (Petra) - Germany will provide Jordan with DM 82.6 million marks (JD 33 million) soft loans and grants to help, finance a number of development projects in the Kingdom, under the terms of two financial agreements and two memoranda signed by the two sides in Amman Monday.

Under the first agreement. Germany will give Jordan DM'76.39 million (JD 30.5 millin) in soft loans to help finance a sewerage project in Irbid. The project entails laying sewer networks and installing two waste-water treatment plants to serve the southern regions of Irbid and 15 nearby villages.

Under the second agreement, Germans will give Jordan a DM 2 million (\$JD) 800,000) to help finance a water project in the Amman region and will also provide consultancy services for the project.

Two subsequent agree-ments were signed with the German development bank. which will handle the grant and the loan.

The first of the two memoranda provides for DM 2.7 million (JD 1.28 million) in technical assistance which entails training of hospital cadres for two years.

This project will be carried out in cooperation with the Royal Medical Services and the German Agency for Technical Cooperation.

The trainees will be oriented in maintaining hospital equipment which will be provided by Germany. The second memorandum

provides for Germany to spend DM f.8 million (JD 720,000) on an extension programme for training personnel in the field of renewable energy which is being implemented by the Royal Scientific society (RSS) in cooperation with the German Agency for Technical Coop-

Under the two-year: programme, Germany wilt help Jordan develop the manufacture of solar heaters and will set up a laboratory and help the RSS improve solar and wind energy generation.

The agreements were

signed by Minister of Plan-ning Ziyad Fariz and German Ambassador to Jordan Heinrich Reiners.

Juppe scheduled to visit Jordan Feb. 12

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe is scheduled to pay a 24-hour visit to Amman next week to complete discussions with Jordanian leaders on the Middle East peace process and bilateral relations, diplomatic sources said Monday.

It will be the second visit of Mr. Juppe since November. the sources noted. During that visit, Mr. Juppe spent only a few hours in Amman and did not bave enough time for a detailed exchange of views with Jordanian leaders and bence the return visit, the sources added.

"Mr. Juppe is anxious to have more detailed discussions with the Jordanian leadership on the regional peace negotiations as well as Jordaman-French relations," said one of the sources.

Mr. Juppe is scheduled to arrive on Feb. 12 afternoon and leave the following day'a evening, the source said.

The French minister hopes

to be received by His Majesty King Hussein in addition to bis scheduled meetings with Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali and other officials, the source said.

On the table for discussions will be "economic and technical cooperation" between Jordan and France as well as the Kingdom's estimated \$900 million debt to France, the source said.

"Preparations for a meeting of the Paris Club (of creditor governments) will also be discussed," said the source, referring to the next round of Jordan's talks with the group on rescheduling part of the Kingdom's \$6.8 billion foreign debt.

France has been supportive

of Amman's endeavours to reschedule its debts and has backed the Kingdom at various international forums.

Following his Nov. 17 talks with King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan in Amman. Mr. Juppe said he found Jordan ready and willing to launch regional economic cooperation as part of the peace process. He said he appreciated the

Jordanian approach and pledged that his country would continue its contribution to the workings of the multilateral phase of the peace process. France-Jordanian coopera-

tion in the international scene will also be discussed during Mr. Juppe's fortbcoming visit, the diplomatic source

"Various international issues, particularly the con-flict in Bosnia, will also be discussed in detail," said the source, noting that the recent escalation of violence in former Yngoslavia needed a concerted approach.

France bas been calling for expanding the mandate of the U.N. forces in former Yugoslavia to include the use of force to stop the fighting there.

Mr. Juppe will head for Israel from Jordan for talks with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and other Israeli leaders for discussions on the 28-month-old Middle East peace negotiations.

He will also meet with Palestinian leaders from the West Bank and Gaza Strip for discussions that would include French help to support the implementation of the Sept. 13 autonomy agreement signed between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Ekeus: Two more months to destroy Iraq chemicals

KUWAIT (AP) — The leader of a UN, mission probing Iraq's military capabilities said Monday he was satisfied with the progress made towards eliminating most of Baghdad's weapons of mass destruction. But the U.N. special com-

mission's chief. Rolf Ekeus. said the inspectors needed at least two more months to totally eliminate Iraq's stock of chemical weapons and the capability to produce them.

Mr. Ekeus spoke to reporters at the end of a two-day visit to Kuwait. He came here after a trip to Iraq to install a long-term monitoring system of Iraqi weapons production

"We have a satisfactory feeling that most of Iraq's capabilities have now been identified and eliminated," said Mr. Ekeus, a Swedish diplomat.

"confident that all the longrange missiles which remained after the Gulf war have been accounted for and destroyed." The U.N. Special commis-

He said his commission was

sion has been supervising the destruction of Iraqi stores of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons as well as ballistic missiles under the terms of the 1991 Gulf war ceasefire. A stifling trade embargo im-

posed against Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait cannot be lifted until Mr. Ekeus certifies to the U.N. Security Council that Iraq has fulfilled its ceasefire obligations.

After resisting for two years, iraq only in November accepted U.N. Resolution 715. which commits it to the longterm weapons monitoring

Suspects reenact bungled attempt to murder Sedki CAIRO (AP) - Radicals

managed to set off a car bomb near Prime Minister Atef Sedki only after a series of bungles and small bribes to a corrupt policeman, prosecution evidence showed Monday. Prosecutors showed a

videotaped reenactment of the crime at the military court trial of 15 suspected extremists charged with trying to 'iil Dr. Sedki last November.

Two defendants, Sayed Suleiman and Essam Mohammad Touni, were shown as they traced their misadventures with a rattletrap car and traffic police before the bomb was detonated, Mr. Sedki escaped injury in the blast, but an ff-year-old girl was killed.

The defendants, six of whom are at large and being tried in absentia, face death penalties. Security anthorities have barred foreign reporters from covering the trial but allowed Egyptian journalists to supply reports.

According to the tape, a traffic policeman stopped the men as they drove into Cairo because their car was old and battered. When he asked for car papers, they offered a 100-Egyptian pound (\$30) bribe. He accepted but still demanded proof of ownership.

They agreed to find the previous owner, but by the time they returned the policeman had taken the car for a joy ride. He came back four hours later, accepted another 30 pounds (\$8) and let them go. There was no mention in the video of Sayed Ahmad Yehia. the auto broker who sold the car to Mr. Suleiman. He was to have been a witness at the trial but was killed by suspected militants Friday (see page 2).

In the reenactment, Mr. Suleiman and Mr. Touni explained how they met with colleague Ahmad Ismail Othman the morning after they finally made it into Cairo.

After making sure the car explosive was rigged, the men took up positions along Mr. Sedki's usual route from his house, aiming to trigger the bomb as his convoy passed. Mr. Othman, who is at

large, was to be the lookout man and signal Mr. Suleiman to push the button. But be was chased away by a policeman suspicious at bis lurking in the When Mr. Touni arrived as

the second lookout, Dr. Sedki's convoy was already underway. He gave the signal too late, and the bomb missed its target. But the blast outside a school killed the 11-year-old Student.

The tape also showed Mr. Suleiman and Mr. Touni explaining how they got instructions from a man identified only as Ahmad in a telephone call from Yemen. Egypt has recently coordinated efforts with Yemen to detain suspected Egyptian militants hid-

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HAMM? IS want to know a secret? The European Union (EU) is trying to keep more of them. and some Eurocrats aren't too Mar urge happy about it. The Union the European Community's new name — is taking its first, lentative steps toward creating a common foreign and security policy among its dozen mem-bers. And it has decided that just like any government, it doesn't want employees blabbing sensitive information. So. officials have come up with a plan to stamp classified documents: "Top secret," "secret," "confidential" or "restricted." They are also demanding security clearanced for about 370 of the 2,200 bureaucrats who work for the Council of Ministers. the most influential of the many EU institutions. The secrecy proposal was pre-pared after the group's new ireaty on European Union went into effect last November. Under the treaty, the nations will forge common forcign, security and, eventually, defence policies. They also promised better coordination in fighting terrorism and illegal drug trafficking. Under current rules, the distribution of documents can be limited, although the tendency in recent years has been to get away from restrictions. Officials argue that secrecy is needed to protect sensitive information now that the union is tackling more foreign and security issues. But council employees fear this may arbitrarily and unnecessarily restrict information. Definitions for classifying documents were so vague they would "open the door to all kinds of dangerous manipulations," of information, said Gunther Lorenz, vice president of an EU employees committee. He told a recent news conference that politicians could be protected from public criticism under the proposed rules.

Senator goes on trial for official misconduct

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Just months after a landslide victory. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey criminal charges of misusing her former office of state treasurer and then trying to cover it up. Facing the possibility of conviction and imprisonment. Mrs. Hutchison, a rising Republican star. has denied doing anything wrong "legally. morally, or ethically." She says she is a victim of Democrats who fear and resent her success. In four indictments, prosecutors from the Travis County district attorney's office say the real victims are state taxpayers cheated by Mrs. Hutchison. Mrs. Hutchison has been charged with using tax dollars for her personal and political gain when she was treasurer. a position she held from January 1991 to June 1993. Prosecutors say she ran political operations out of the treasury, using state employees and state computers on state time. When investigators learned of it. they say, she started changing permanent computer records to hide evidence. The indictments charge her with two felony counts and one misdemandour count of official misconduct, and felony counts of tampering with a government record and tampering with physical evidence. Since the alleged offenses are being tried together, prosecutors say Mrs. Hutchison, if convicted on all counts. could face up to 20 years in prison. "This case is not about politics." said First Assistant District Attorney Steve McCleery. "This case is about ethics and honesty in government. It is not a politically motivated case. As the evidence comes out in trial. that will be apparent."

Vienna blackmailer threatens to Poison sweets

VIENNA (AFP) - An Austrian blackmailer has threatened to leave poisoned sweets in play areas of the capital. Vienna, if he does not receive a huge ransom, officials said Sunday. The blackmailer, who made bis threat via the mass-circulation newspaper Kronenzeitung, was reportedly targeting a specific supermarket group. Viennese authorities announced they would be carefully monitoring the city's parks and had already warned people not to eat any sweets found there.

Sanctions work in Iraq. but only on the poor By Mariam M. Shahin Salwa Nooreddine of the to maintain the basic infras-

BAGHDAD - Faced with an unprecedented devaluation of the Iraqi dinar, coupled with a growing inflation of even the most basic food items, the people of Baghdad have taken to the streets to sell off what remains of their worldly goods in order to make ends meet.

Washing machines, tea sets and even plasticware are peddied every Friday at Baghdad's main auction house. Once the site where valuable antiques and Persian carpets found their way into wealthy homes, the auction house has become the hub for impoverished men, women and children who come to hawk all but the clothes on their

backs. Massive crowds come to buy and sell goods every Friday, auction house official Massoud Saleem says. "Most people are selling these days and buyers are less than before but there is nevertheless a turnover."

Carpenters, electricians and mechanics in particular are buyers of second-hand machines and electronie equipment as well as used furniture to serve as a source of spare parts that are no longer available in Iraq.

The plunge in the value of the Iraqi dinar, which hovers between 170 and 250 to the U.S. dollar, has soured the prices of foodstuffs and other basic life-supporting goods.

The average government employee whose pre-August 1990 carning was the equiva-lent of \$300-\$350 (\$200 Iraqi dinars) now earns less than \$5 (or 600 fragi dinars).

While some basic foodstuff items, including sugar, rice and wheat, continue to be partially subsidised by the government, Iraqis need to shop for all their fruits, vegetables and meat in the free market.

A kilo of tomatoes which sold for 0.15 dinars before the war now costs 15 dinars. The same is true for almost all other produce. Milk products, sweets and meat are hardly seen in the average Baghdadi home.

"The middle class can hardly afford bread, rice and some vegetables," says Dr.

Jordan Times Staff Reporter - Saddam City general hospit- tructure such as clean water suffering from malnourish-International groups and

U.N. agencies have said that while there is no large-scale starvation in Bagbdad, a moderate state of malnutrition" continues to plague the general population. Lack of protein, calories as well as vitamin A and D deficiency in particular were mentioned by U.N. health officials.

Public health was Irra's first visible victim of post-war poverty. Beggars are now visible everywhere on the streets of Baghdad. Porters, waiters, women and children no longer shy away from asking strangers for money or a tip.

Increasing impoverishment of much of the population and the government's inability to become a total welfare state has thus created new economic developments.

One of the most significant developments of the threeand-a-half-year-old economic embargo is the privatisation of the Iraqi economy.

The government, which provided a significant support system in terms of food distribution and subsidised health care is now turning to the private sector to take over much of the formerly centralised and public economic sector.

The government has put several large public com-panies and industries up for sale. Even some medicine import is no longer controlled by the government. Many medicines, once available for free, are now sold at exorbitant prices by private merchants.

Cough syrup is sold at 75 dinars a bottle or almost half the monthly earning of a labourer. "What the government provides us with we can give the patients for free,' says Dr. Nooreddine, "but most medicines available on the open market are unaffordable for most people."

The government's foreign assets abroad are still frozen for the most part, and since Iraq has yet to resume its export of oil, foreign assets are extremely limited, Iraqi officials say. "The little hard currency that is available to the government is being used

other necessities for daily survival," said one government bureaucrat. Schools and universities

are short of basic working tools such as pens and paper, U.N. personnel report. Ironically some private sector merchants are selling sophisticated computer hardware. According to one store owner, the computer soft-

brought in from Turkey through Iraqi Kurdistan. The owner, who preferred to stay anonymous, said he was "not sure" if the United Nations Sanctions Committee would allow such imports.

Anyway, he says, he "does

ware is up-to-date and

not care." While the computer material sells for tens of thousands of dinars and thus is out of reach for most Iragis, the store owner insists that clients do exist. "Most clients are Iraqis but there are also some non-Iragis who come to Baghdad who buy from us," says the merchant. Some unofficial trade goes on with Iran, Turkey and even with incognito traders from Saudi

The question of what is allowed by the U.N. Sanctions Committee is a partially confusing one. The relevant U.N. resolution clearly states that "food and medicine" are exempted from the sanctions. However, that is not always a guarantor for Iraqis wishing

to import food or medicine. One example is a 1993 exchange of dispatch between a British middleman attempting to facilitate the export of "angised tabs" - a medical item - to Iraq.

"The U.K. government informed me that their rejection of my application for an export licence is a U.K. government decision and not a U.N. Sanctions Committee decision," read a telex sent to the Iraqi company for State Drugs by the London-based Wellcome Foundation Li-

The lack of clear political as well as economic policy by the countries still allied against Iraq is adding to the problems of Iraq.

Dr. Nooreddine reflected: The sanctions are working, but only on the poor."